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We need a global ethic'

says the Irish woman tipped to head the UN

Mary Robinson, who arrives in London today for the first official visit to Britain by a Irish President, has been denied the chance of speaking to the joint Houses of Parliament. She will not be granted her wish to follow Jacques Chirac, the President of France, who addressed both houses last month.

Officials deny any snub. But it seems that the Government feared allowing the Irish head of state to address MPs during delicate negotiations for next week's all-party talks on Northem Ireland's future.

The decision comes as Mrs Robinson is poised to become one of the world's most influential leaders. She is widely tipped to unseat Boutros Boutros-Ghali and take over as United Nations' Secretary-General in January. He has become increasingly unpopular for being too aloof, antagonising the Americans and failing to overhaul the UN bureaucracy.

Sir Anthony Parsons, Britain's former Permanent Representative to the UN, confirmed Mrs Robinson is a strong runner for the job. "The Irish have the advantage that none of Security Council would probably veto their candidate.

"Ireland is well respected. It has contributed to UN peacekeeping since 1956. It's neutral and has a close affinity to the non-aligned movement. There is a lot of stroppiness in the UN about the lack of women representatives in the UN secretariate: appointing a woman would deal with that criticism.

"Mary Robinson is popular and has shown sound judge-ment, having helped bridge the gaps in Northern Ireland, by gong to Belfast and shaking hands with Gerry Adams while remaining on good terms with the Unionists. Politics in the Republic is a rough and tumble affair. But she has squared a lot of circles, rising above the allmale, Flaherty's bar style of Irish politics. She has demonstrated independence while avoiding severe criticism. And being Irish is certainly a leg-up in the US."

On the eve of her trip the lrish President was guarded in a interview with the Independent, acknowledging that there had been informal approaches about the UN post. "I am not a candidate or seeking the position. I have made clear that my focus is on completing my term as president," she said. But she

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interview by Jack O'Sullivan

left open the possibility of resignation. "I have a very strong commitment to human rights. I can't deny it. So if it went to the wire about this position, I would have to weigh all the options which would be very dif-

Mrs Robinson may be following the strategy of Perez de Cuellar, who stayed out of the ring in 1981 until the incumbent, Kurt Waldheim, was vetoed. Mr de Cuellar emerged as the figure no-one objected to. It may be, for the same reason, why Ireland wins the Eurovision Song

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wire about this position, I would have to weigh all the options

Contest year after year, that an Irish candidate would be similarly successful

If appointed, Mrs Robinson would be the first woman to hold one of the most important posts in world leadership, at a time of demand for figureheads who can strike a chord internationally. Many believe her abilities as a moralist place her in the same league as Nelson Mandela and the Czech Republic's Vaclav Havel.

This week's visit - including lunch with John Major tomorrow and the Queen on Thursdiplomatic skills. Her predecessors had never visited Britain. George V was the last British monarch to take the boat the other way, travelling in 1913 to a troublesome corner of his then kingdom, soon to be plunged into the 1916 Easter Rising, civil war and separation

Mrs Robinson has built bridges. Her revisionist story of modern Ireland eschews old bitterness. Irishness is presented as proudly European, standing for diversity, pluralism and internationalism - all values which this radical, liberal, left-

wing, feminist holds dearest. It fits longstanding efforts of the President, a Catholic married to a Protestant, to reach out to Ulster's Unionist community: she resigned from the Irish Labour party in 1985, saying the Anglo-Irish Agreement was unfair to

Two historical events - emiation and the 1840's Great Potato Famine - once sources of bitterness, inform her revised national story. "Emigration," she said, "is no longer some-thing with a finality that is sad. The experience helps us see irishness as not simply territorial. It opens us to those in Northern Ireland, whose sense of identity is more British than Irish." As for the famine: "It leads us to a strong identification with poverty, human rights and self-development."

All this goes down well with those, particularly Third World countries, who want her as Secretary-General. Asked what role that post should involve, she said. "There is a seeking for a global ethic. In a world that seems to have lost all spiritual cohesiveness, many people feel we need an ethical basis that valular tradition and is thoughtful about others."

She touched on another vital issue for the UN-civil war, the crucial form of conflict in an age when global war grows less likely and inter-state war is going out of fashion. "We haven't properly addressed the emerging democracies. It is as though we think that because they have opted for democracy, they have solved the problem," she said.

In the coming months, Mrs Robinson has a chance to demonstrate her peace-making powers. As the beef war rages, the Republic, with its close affinity to Britain and enthusiasm for Europe, could play an important role. It takes over the rotating presidency of the EU later this month.

"We will seek to be a bridge, to be helpful, to minimise the difficult issues," said Mrs Robinson. "We would do this both for philosophical and also for bread and butter reasons. It would be good for Ireland if Britain were to have a more positive aspect and be benefiting more and contributing more to what is happening at the Euro-pean level. The world will be watching, even if the Houses of Parliament are not.



liament are not.

Diplomatic: Mary Robinson said of ireland's coming EU presidency: 'We will seek to be European crisis, pages 8,9

a bridge, to be helpful, to minimise the difficult Issues'

Photograph: Maxwell

Eurocrats in retreat, heavy losses

From our frontline correspondents

Light and heavy ministerial detachments move in

'Hopes high for Florence breakout'

British forces struck a fresh blow - fit of Whitehall's latest piece of for justice in the Great Beef War beef war technology. This is a yesterday, launching a threepronged offensive in Luxembourg. They shot down 25 European initiatives. Sadly, many of them were ones that Britain itself had launched, But war is hell, and friendly fire can

The beef war, now in its second week, is proving increasingly hard for the Government as it is forced to inflict repeated casualties on its own feet. The price of semen, gelatine and tallow is high, but that has not deterred our forces.

Light and heavy ministerial detachments moved into Luxembourg as Kenneth Clarke, Douglas Hogg and Eric Forth fought the second battle of the Ardennes. Surrounded by hostile bureaucratic forces, they were repeatedly ordered to surrender; but as with the gallant Americans who were caught at Bastogne in 1944, the defiant answer came back: "Nuts!"

Anti-fraud laws, the fight gainst racism and the elections in Bosnia have had little in common until yesterday. But oneby-one ministers moved into the front line and stopped all these advances in their tracks. Correspondents in the field report that the British Euro-sceptic Expeditionary Force is hitting back in strength.

Apart from a phrasebook

121-page study of eradication stun even the most dogged Continental bureaucrats into an early surrender.

And today, military censors allow us to reveal, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will engage the enemy at a meeting of justice ministers. also in Luxembourg. He will take on proposals to combat the illegal employment of immigrants and to improve anti-terrorist tacties. He will also block the 1997 drugs unit budget of the Europol police agency. The War Office in London expects

a famous victory. Further engagements are confidently expected. The For-eign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, and Mr Hogg will be striking at the heart of enemy territory today, visiting Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Berlin this morning and Jacques Sansion, in Brussels, this afternoon, followed by further meetings in Bonn, Paris and Rome. War Office sources describe these moves as a "charm offensive".

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How long will the war continue? Our staff tell us that heavy political casualties may result at Florence, Italy, later this month if no breakthrough has occurred. Parliamentary sources report that the Prime Minister listing numerous ways to say and Mrs Major are in good heart. God Save the Queen.

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What's in a gnome? About £1m

Players face high price for high-jinks Fines will be imposed on England players for the alleged high-jinks on the flight home from Hong Kong, national coach Terry Venables announced last night. But he will not publicly pillory any one individual. The England squad has accepted collective responsibility for what has happened. The matter is now being dealt with internally," he said. He said three players were "very angry" that they had taken the blame publicly for the lleged £5,000 damage to the Cathay Pacific flight Page 24 Plastic revolution

lesco increased the stakes in the Supermarket loyalty battle yesferday when it announced plans for a new budget account card that will offer far better inter-CSI rates than traditional banks

and building societies. Page 3

Food for thought

Scientists have coined a new Phrase to describe the consumption of foods which are partially to blame for the pidemic of obesity in the West passive over-cating. Page 4



Before: Cupid in the guise of

4ft high garden gnome

DAVID LISTER, Arts News Editor

This was just a garden gnome until its owner discovered art history.

Covered in white paint and moss, the 4ft high marble statue of Cupid stood at the bottom of a West Country garden for Antiques Roadshow is on tele-years. It has now been identivision, as it is at the moment. fied as by Canova, the neoclassical sculptor responsible for the Three Graces, and ex- Fund, believes that there are perts said yesterday that it should fetch more than £1m at anction.

If you cannot find your fortune in the garden, try the cellar. As we reveal on page 5 today, an Oxford student opened the basement of a college house to find a mouldering collection of some of the finest names in post-war art. That is also worth £1m.

Still no luck? Maybe the sitting room. Last week a piece of paper was pulled out from under a sofa in a Suffolk house. It contained notes for a speech by a man named Washington; first name George. It is expected to fetch £150,000 at auction.

Spring-cleaning has never been so lucrative. What is going on? Is no comer of bouse or garden free from art treasures? Psychologically, the urge to

ferret in the attic or under garden bushes is a seasonal one, and householders tend to go on heat whenever a series of The But David Barrie, director of

the National Art Collections practical reasons too. "The art market is beginning to pick up after the slump of the Eighties." he said, "and people may well have been sitting on treasures literally in the case of the Washington manuscript] which they are now putting on the

"The National Lottery has put art more into the news, and museums and galleries are buying more works of art, so people might be looking harder. And there is an enormous amount of art out there in private hands which changes in fashion can make valuable. Posters are now much sought after." So best check the walls, too.

And after: Revealed in its glory as Canova's statue

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The award was given for "the pendent's Middle East Correbest foreign story written in the spondent, was last night British press by a UK journalist reporters win declared the winner of the Formedia praise eign Press Association's 1996 British Media Awards for his re-

It was Robert's third award this year. His reporting has now

ing British International Journalist of the Year seven times, the "What the Papers Say" award twice, the United Nations Press Award, the Johns Hopkins-SAIS-CIBA Prize for International Journalism, the Irish

Radio Jacobs Award and the James Cameron Award. The Independent's Robert Block was commended for his

reporting on Bosnia, and Sarah Helm was commended for her reporting on Croatia.



SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

One in four negligence claims settled against GPs are due to errors in prescribing, monitoring, or administering drugs, according to a survey. Just under half of the cases lead to permanent damage to patients. including scarring, nerve damage, or stroke. Eighteen per cent of cases resulted in death, stillbirth, or a termination

of pregnancy.
The Medical Defence Union, which conducted the survey over a six year period said the total cost of the claims was about £3.5m; 65 per cent of them were settled for less than £10,000 but five of the claims were for more. than £100,000. The most common errors were wrong doses, contra-indicated medication, and administration

in the survey of 21,500 claims against GP members, 790 resulted in damages being paid to patients, and 196 of these were made because of drug errors. The results are given in *Medication Errors*, a new booklet published by the MDU. Liz Hunt

A travel firm is offering trips to Florida for £49, less than the cost of a Eurostar ticket to Paris, because Euro 96 "football mania" has led to a collapse in the package holiday market

The bargain price for a week in Orlando includes car hire. Going Abroad Davel said it had been forced to take drastic action because interest in the forthcoming European Footbell Championships had brought the package holiday market to a near standstill.
Public mlations officer John Slade said the firm had

"hundreds" of seats available at £49 for one-week holidays throughout June. "There's already over-capacity in the marker to Orlando," he said.

"Laker's staited flying there - there are a lot of people flying there it's an entremely popular destination. But there's no question about it, Euro 96 has meant package to shill

holidays just aren't moving. This is what it takes to shift The full scheduled airfare to Orlando is £339 return

with car hire a further £69 a week. News of yesterday's office came only a few days after a family from Doneaster snapped up a £9 a head fly-drive break in the sunshine state. They bought the holiday after seeing it advertised as a last minute cancellation on Teletext. he new Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, which has

around 2m tourists visiting every year, has come from Chelmsford, one of the least visited cathedrals in Britain. The Very Rev John Moses, 58, has been Provost of Chelmsford for fourteen years. Speaking yesterday at a press conference to mark his appointment to succeed the Very Rev Eric Evans, who tires in October, Dr Moses rejected recent claims by a Church Army officer that cathedrals were out of touch. St Paul's would never charge admission to people who came to pray, and even among the tourists there was

always a priest on duty, available to the spiritually The new Dean supervised the construction of a new organ at Chelmsford, and speaks warmly of the choral tradition in English cuthedrals. Despite this he is, he said, tone deaf. Andrew Brown

Tive protesters were arrested at a demonstration against the resumption of live animal exports from the port of Dover - the first since the worldwide ban on British beef. The demonstrators had been trying to prevent five cargoes of lambs from loading on to the Cap Afrique ship, chartered by exporters to transport

the animals from Dover to Dunkirk.

They were among around 110 protesters who gathered at the port and warned the shipment could be the first of many, now that new season lambs are reaching their

Peter Stevenson, legal director of Compassion in World Farming, condemned the resumption of the trade. which came to a halt in March, when the EU banned the export of calves from Britain and live sheep exports became uneconomical. Paul Field

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Asummer strike by British Alrways' pilots moved a step closer after management and union officials failed to agree on talks. The pilots' union, Balpa, immediately posted strike ballot papers to its 3,000 BA flight crew members. The result will be known on 3

July.

The pilots are the only BA staff yet to accept a pay package giving the airline's staff a 3.6 per cent increase this year and a 1997 pay increase of inflation plus 0.5 per

Each side blamed the other for the impasse, BA management claimed a date and time for talks had been agreed but Balpa had subsequently refused to talk. Balpa general secretary Chris Darke said BA had failed to accept" an offer for talks. Peter Victor

man and a woman were found shot dead in a car at a busy commuter railway station in Frimley, Surrey, last night. Forensic scientists were investigating the deaths but it was not known why the two were shot or whether police were seeking anyone else.

Witnesses earlier reported seeing the bodies in the car covered with a blue blanket. All the doors were shut. A spokeswoman for Surrey Ambulance Service said the woman had died after being blasted in the head with

Abusinessman accidentally discovered that he had been paying to light up part of a town centre for nearly 50 years. Norman Jacobs, 73, was amazed to find that two council street lights in Wisbech, Cambs, were plugged into the electricity supply in a building he owned.

Council engineers came out to find out why the street lights had gone off and discovered a wire linking them into my electricity supply," Mr Jacobs explained.

He is now talking to Fenland District Council, which owns the lights, about compensation for nearly half a century of additional electricity costs. He said estimates

of the bill ranged from £1,500 to £7,000.A council spokesman said each light would not use more than £20 worth of electricity each year.

Henry Bellingham MP

adult debate about drugs (3 October 1995) wrongly included Henry Bellingham, MP for North West Norfolk, in a list of

Group, does not support the legalisation of cannabis and strongly opposes illegal drug use. We are happy to correct the record and apologise to Mr Bellingham, who was not consulted before publication of

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Yasser Arafat in Downing Street: Appealed to Major and the international community to bring pressure on Netanyahu "We are committed to the hope we will continue the peace peace process. We are com-

and we hone that the others will the peace of the brave which we be committed equally like us." We respect the democratic choice of the Israeli people in the last election and we all

mitted to what has been signed

process with them.

Mr Arafat thanked Britain "from the bottom of my heart" for its help in promoting a Middle East settlement so far. He made a thinly disguised call to London, and the rest of the

international community, to bring pressure on the new hardpursue the efforts begun in

Oslo in 1993. Earlier, after meeting members of parliament, Mr Arafat Palestinian President had been

prochement was facing a "new challenge." "Can we protect line Israeli administration to it or not? I can't forget that my partner, Yitzhak Rabin, has ost his life for the peace.

Despite reports that the said the Israeli-Palestinian rap- severely jolted by the election

result. MP's found him in ebullient mood. Labour MP Ernie Ross, who chairs a parliamentary group on Palestine, said "He was in an effervescent mood. He was in no way de-

Photograph: Brian Hamis

Sixty secret mustard gas sites uncovered

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY

on movement between the West.

would like to send to Mr Ne-

tanvahu. Mr Arafat said: "To

continue the peace process,

have signed with my partners.

Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon

Asked what message he

More than 60 sites across Britain, officially declared "sate", have been contaminated by deadly mustard gas, which remains effective for decades. These sites are in addition to the eight sites officially declared by the Government under the Chemical Weapons

were often botched, leaving significant amounts of the highly corrosive, persistent chemical agent in the soil. Detailed records of the chemicals stored at the sites have been lost, according to evidence uncovered by a television documentary to

he screened on Thursday. Weapons Convention, which Britain has just ratified . the Government is obliged to de-Attempts to clean up the 60- clare sites where chemical plus sites over the last 40 years weapons were manufactured

or stored. The four production facilities were Randle in Cheshire. Nancekuke near Redruth. Sutton Oak, near St Helens and Valley in Clwyd. There were also four forward filling depots at Barnham Heath in Norfolk. Thetford, Norton Disney near Lincoln Lords Bridge in Cambridgeshire and West Cottingwith near York.

But according to Julian Hendy, producer of the film for Yorkshire TV's "3-D" series, there are more than 60 other sites, mainly former RAF and US Air Force bases, where op-erational records show Mustard gas was stored and then imperfectly disposed of. Sites declared clear had yielded between 20 and 120 mustard gas bombs. One site, at Riseley in

Bedfordshire, was declared "safe" by the MoD in 1988. Investigators then found contamination levels 130,000 times those considered safe, and last year the MoD admitted the site was still not clear. The Yorkshire TV team in-

vestigated one of the sites at Duncombe Park, near Helmsley, North Yorkshire, where year old Peter Turner found eight Mustard Gas canisters four of them full - and nine Phosphorous bombs in tree stumpsd. The team visited the site, which yielded three more canisters. Laboratory tests identified substances including Dithiane and oxathiane which are believed to be from the breakdown of mustard gas. Although chemical weapons

were very rarely used in action in the Second World war, Britain and the US stockpiled huge quantities in case they were needed. In 1940-41, Britain planned to use chemical weapons to help repel any German invasion of the British Isles. More stocks were amassed in 1942-43, in case they were needed to bomb Germany, and in 1944, in case the Germans used them against the D-Day landings, as a deterrent and for retaliation. More stocks were produced after the war, against the Soviet threat, but the build-up of

chemical weapons ceased from the mid-1950s, when nuclear weapons became available. Because mustard gas, a persistent agent, is extremely cor-

rosive, it was not loaded into bombs but kept in huge tanks at the forward filling depots. It is understood that large stocks of mustard gas were destroyed in the 1960s and 1970s. by firing bullets at the canisters and then dousing the soil with bleach. However, the decontamination measures were often inadequate. The documentary obtained a

copy of an internal MoD document from last year about the clearance of the site at Barnham, which was highly critical of earlier attempts by the Property Services' Agency (PSA) to "clear" it. A team from RAF Wittering found 16 live mustard gas bombs, each 45 inches in diameter. A "second sweep" has been carried out.

Forces' fear over sale of MoD houses

David Hart, the special adviser to the Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, was yesterday targeted by a former Chief of Staff over the sale service quarters to the private sector. Field Marshall Lord Bramall

protested in the House of Lords hat "special advisers carry more weight than the Prime Minister", who had given assurances that the uncertainty facing the armed forces was

There is growing opposition among Tory MPs to the £1.6bn sale of the houses, which is seen as a privatisation too far. Mr Hart is believed to have been highly influential in persuading Mr Portillo to put the married quarters up for sale.

Senior Tory MPs are concerned about the plan to sell the whole of the estate, involving 55.000 homes, to a single bidder, reported to be a Japanese hank. A total of 19 bids were made for the houses which have a rental income of £107 million a year, and 2,700 are va-

The Defence Secretary's special adviser has been a controversial figure at the Ministry of Defence, and some Tory MPs are determined to counter his influence. They were de-

lighted recently when the Govngited recently when the dov-ernment rejected his advice to buy US fighter jets instead of up-dating British Tornados. Mr Hart emerged as an ad-viser to lan MacGregor, the

chairman of British Coal, at the height of the 1984 miners' strike. Lord Walker, the former Energy Secretary, told Mr Hart he could not handle the miners strike from at Claridges.

Lord Bramall's attack on the sale of the houses will be reinforced by Tory rebels tomorrow when James Arbuthnot, the minister for defence procurement, is questioned about the

plan.
"We are going to give James a very rough time," said one Tory member of the Committee. "It's totally outrageous." Mr Arbuthnot is expected to

try to calm down the rebels by outlining a range of assurances, possibly including exchange criteria under which the private developer could offer houses in another area. The Tory MPs dismiss the plans as "cosmetic". Lord Bramall, who also

protested at the threat to the future of the Staff College at Camberley, complained about "the dilution of military advice in Whitehall," Ministers and their special advisers moved to othcr jobs, or out of office but Lord Bramall said armed forces officers felt "apprehensive."

Menacing mutts leave their mark on hapless posties

BARRIE CLEMENT

Frank James, generally regarded as one of the most "bitten" postmen in Britain, has a guilty secret. For 36 years he railed against rampaging canines that attacked him on his delivery rounds in rural Staffordshire.

He would tell anyone pre-pared to listen that he endured an average of two dog bites a year. The small ones were the worst, he would say. Alsatians were fine and you could see Rottweillers coming

and scarper. Collies were pretty nasty, favouring a nip and run approach. But the real vicious blighters were those most favoured by Her Majesty the Queen. Corgis would bite your leg and refuse to let go. Sometimes Mr James would

lift his trousers and reveal some of his 25 battle scars. He continued his campaign against vicious quadrupeds and their unthinking owners when he became a full-time official of the Communication Workers' Union two years ago.

annual conference in Blackpool, Mr James let the dog out of the bag, so to speak. Last Christmas, his wife Rosie opened the door to a postman and inadvertently allowed the family bitch out at the same postman's right leg.

The confession yesterday coincided with new figures on "menacing mutts" released by the union which showed attacks

time. The dog, a cross-bred collie, sank her teeth into the

vere on the increase and cost the Royal Mail up to £2m a year. Official figures showed that 5.891 postmen and women were bitten by dogs last year - one delivery worker is attacked every 15 minutes. The Royal Mail, which ad-

vises its employees to "make friends" with dogs on their delivery routes, is in the habit of sending letters of protest to irresponsible pet owners. According to the union, however, there is a marked reluctance among staff to deliver them. Several years ago the Post Of-

fice started issuing its staff with "dog dazers", which emit ultrasonic waves. The pocketsized devices stun the dog for a few seconds, until the postman can make good his exit. There were two problems

with the stun guns, according to Mr James. Younger employees But yesterday at his union's often used them on colleagues and some of the craftier canines developed strategies to evade them. He said: "If the dog got used to them, some of the bloody things would hide behind hedges and then rush out and bite you on the arse."

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public figures said to support the legalisation of cannabis. In fact, Mr Bellingham, who is a member of the Parliamen-

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As check-outs turn into chequepoints, stores queue for customer loyalty

You can buy petrol, visit the dry cleaners, have a coffee ... soon Tesco's initiative is based on you will be able to buy a pension or take out a life assurance policy. And, oh yes, you can buy food too. No, it's not a high-street arcade, a hi-tech shopping mall,

£50 limb

or a bank trying to boost its profits; it is Tesco's latest strategy to up the stakes in the customer loyalty battle. The supermarket group yesterday announced plans for a new budget-account card that will offer far better interest rates than traditional banks and building societies. It is seen as the first in a num-

ber of moves planned by supermarkets that could see them offer a range of financial services including pensions and bill-payment facilities.

its hugely successful Clubcard loyalty scheme which was launched in February last year and now has 8.5 million members. The new Clubcard Plus scheme starts on 17 June and will be run in conjunction with National Westminster bank. Tesco claims the scheme will offer customers an easier way to budget for their shopping.

Sainsbury*s

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No card at preser

monthly sum into the account to cover the amount they typically spend on groceries, petrol and some cash requirements. Customers can then use their card to pay shopping bills in Tesco and to withdraw cash from the supermarkets and from the

standing credit balances is 5 per cent, approximately 10 times the rate on some current accounts. Members who go over their balance are charged an overdraft interest rate of 9 per cent, again lower than most banks and building societies.

The interest rate on out-

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Customer Visa card

very £200 spent

£50 limit

Tesco chairman Sir Ian MacLaurin said the introduction of the new card followed extensive research into customer requirements and the project was modelled on similar schemes in France and Sweden. "It makes paying for the week-ly shopping bill, buying petrol and getting cash simpler, plus it offers a rate of interest which puts many traditional savings ac-counts in the shade," he said.

weaknesses in the scheme. Customers who exceed their overdraft limit could hold up check-out queues while problems are addressed. Customers could also find that their standing order for Tesco's account oushes them into the red in their bank account, on which they will incur higher interest-rate charges. Some customers may not wish to juggle two accounts. It is also possible that the formfilling requirements could deter

However, there are possible

some customers from applying. Sir Ian said the scheme was being offered to Tesco staff first so they would be well briefed to answer customer questions when the card goes

Visa credit card. Tesco's move was applauded

He declined to comment on

any other financial services

Tesco may offer. The group has

signed a three-year deal with

Nat West, who will operate the

scheme. After that it is possible

Tesco would apply for its own

banking licence and operate a

similar schemes as supermarkets

jostle for position in the grocery

market. Safeway is working on

turning its ABC loyalty card into a credit card; Sainsbury will

launch a loyalty card later this

summer that could involve

some financial products; and

Budgen has already launched a

Tesco's rivals are working on

branded deposit account.

Dennis of stockbrokers Nat West Securities said: "It is an added way of locking in customers and it makes it that much harder for Tesco's rivals to beat it." Graham Gould of the Cobra

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Group, a strategic consultancy. said Tesco's move was part of a growing trend that will see well known high-street names capitalise on the strength of their brands. "I think it's the start of a trend," he said. "There are other organisations that have stronger brand values and better access to their customers than banks or building societies.

"Supermarkets are opening branches, banks are closing them. Banks are moving further away from their customers with telephone banking; supermarkets are moving closer to

killer 'was obsessed with guns'

JAMES CUSICK

Thomas Hamilton was not interested in competition shooting, ignored the rules of gun clubs and often rapidly fired off entire magazines into single targets from close range, the inquiry into the massacre of 16 children and their teacher at **Dunblane Primary School was** told vesterday.

Hamilton's obsession with the guns he owned also emerged when one witness described how he "stroked" the weapons and "talked about them as if they were babies". At the beginning of the sec-

ond week of the inquiry before Lord Cullen, Gordon Craw-ford, secretary of Stirling Rifle and Pistol Club, said that Hamilton attended the club three or four times a year between 1988 and 1995.

However, at the beginning of this year he began to appear regularly. The inquiry has already heard that over the same period Hamilton had begun stockpiling a large amount of ammunition and had continued to question one boy who attended his boys' clubs on the internal layout of Dunblane Primary School and specific times of school assemblies.

According to Mr Crawford, Hamilton was uninterested in competition. "He wanted to do other things, shooting at 10 metres." The inquiry heard how at the shooting club, instead of firing 12 rounds over two minutes in one shooting discipline, Hamilton would fire off two pistol magazines (30 rounds) in quick succession. On another occasion he emptied magazines into one target when rules of a competition had specified he should be firing at three targets. Regardless of Hamilton's un-

usual behaviour and method of firing, nothing was reported to police. Mr Crawford said.

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forced resignation from the Scout movement were also heard by Lord Cullen. Brian Pairgrieve, a retired surgeon, 69, who was county commissioner of the Scouts in the early 1970s, described how concerns were raised after several weekend trips to Aviemore in the Scot-tish Highlands organised by Hamilton, Instead of staying in a youth hostel, as parents had been told, the boys had slept in

Hamilton's van. In 1974, after an interview with Mr Fairgrieve, Hamilton' resigned from the Scouts. Mr Fairgrieve told the inquiry. "I formed the impression that he had a persecution complex, that he had delusions of grandeur and I felt his actions were almost paranoiae." He added: "I was doubtful

about Hamilton's moral intentions towards boys." Hamilton had later tried to

gain access to another Scout group, but was unsuccessful. Over the next four or five years he had complained about the dismissal, claiming he had been blacklisted for homosexual acts and for "interfering" with young boys. The Scout movement had never made such allegations. Mr Fairgrieve said.

A national firearms amnesty called in the wake of the Dunblane massacre was launched yesterday by the Home secretary, Michael Howard. The potency and effect of the amnesty was curiously questioned by Mr Howard, who warned it would have no impact on hardened criminals. But he said the more guns that could be taken out of circulation "the better".

Under the scheme, which runs till the end of this month. illegal weapons can be handed into police stations without fear of prosecution provided the weapons have not been used in

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TV show makes a game out of debt

DAVID USBORNE

On this game show, there will be no conveyor bearing knife sets, golf clubs or food liq-uidisers. No revolving cabinet revealing that irresistible gas barbeque. And certainly no curtains going up on a family hatchback or self-erecting tent. No. no. Win here tonight and you take home nothing!

But that is not quite fair. The prizes on this show are those things you already have, but could not afford to pay for - the washer-dryer and the new downstairs windows, all bought on the never-never. What you, and millions like you, have is

Where once being in hock was almost a cause for shame, so pervasive is the condition today that a slot of primetime television dedicated to celebrating it seems really quite natural. These days it is hard to tell the difference between money you have and money you owe.

Due to be premiered on the Lifetime cable channel across the United States at 6.30 pm last night, Debt will introduce three new contestants each week. First they must lay out before the cameras the full extent of their financial liabilities. Student loans, outstanding visa bills, credit from the bank for the car,

what this game show is called: and so on. Then comes the appeared in a Los Angeles game part and the chance to wipe away all that pesky red ink.

Wink Martindale, a veteran game-show host with neverageing looks, will pepper the three with pop-culture ques-tions. Thus this one from last night: "I am the film in which Robin Williams gets to hide his hairy arms and pose as a house-wife". Answer: "I am Mrs Doubtfire". Cue wild applause and watch that Visa bill drop by \$100. The top prize is \$10,000 to pay off a particular debt plus another \$10,000 to take bome.

Want to get on the show? You are not alone. Mr Martindale reports that as soon as the first

newspaper, the queue went around the block. It is hardly surprising when you consider that Americans currently owe some \$380m on credit cards alone (up 14 per cent from just a year ago) and that a third of all consumer loans in the US are at least 30 days overdue.

"I think it set a record for one weekend for people wanting to be guests," Mr Martindale said yesterday.

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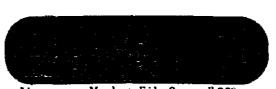
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Lady Godiva and Snowdon Aviary vie for heritage listing

JONATHAN GLANCEY Architecture Correspondent

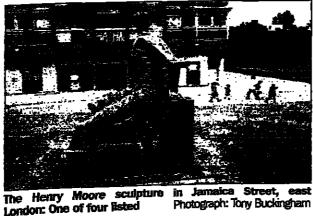
One moment you are a primary school child watching the Snowdon Aviary at London Zoo being built (with much tuttutting from the namies in Regent's Park); the next thing you know, this avant-garde Sixties bird-house is being recommended for listing by English Heritage as a building of historic and architectural importance. Time, like captive birds, appears to fly ever faster in the ever expanding world of heritage.

Today, an exhibition opening at the RIBA Architecture Centre in London presents the public with 57 varieties of post-war buildings which English Heritage is keen to see listed.

This is the second of three such exhibitions; this one deals with sculptures and memorials. places of entertainment, planned town centres", New Town housing, and rural housing. Has the Sussex town of Crawley's time come round at last? Er, no. But, if you live at either 3 to 12 Orchard Croft or 161 to 165 Mardyke Road, Harlow, in Essex, you may soon be living in a Grade II listed house like toffs in Georgian rectories in more salubrious parts of

southern England. Both of these rows of New Town houses, dating from the early Fifties, were designed by

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Frederick Gibberd, better

known as architect of the cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool (aka "Paddy's Wigwam") and of Heathrow Airport when it expanded into much of its present form in the late Fifties and

early Sixties. Heritage, however, is for animals too. Doubtless there will be many an exotic bird preening itself at London Zoo if the famous Snowdon Aviary (Snowdon, Price and Newby, 1962-65) is listed Grade II as English Heritage would like. The same accolade should flatter the residents of the nearby Elephant and Rhino House (Casson & Conder, 1962-65). The recommendations for sculptures and memorials in-

clude the Kennedy Memorial,

Photograph: Tony Buckingham

at Runnymede in Surrey (Ge-offrey Jellicoe, 1964-65) to William Reid Dick's statue of Lady Godiva at Broadgate, Coventry (1949). There are five Barbara Hepworths and four Henry Moores on a list that casts its shadow from Devon to Greater Manchester.

Listing for English Heritage, says: "The first post-war listings exhibition in March attracted enormous attention and the public response has been extremely positive. By including public sculpture among our recommendations, we hope to draw these works - some of the best sculpture ever produced by British artists - to national attention. Listing will ensure their safekeeping and, in effect, eslection of modern outdoor The apparently edectic range

of buildings on show at the RIBA Architecture Centre is part of a comprehensive survey by English Heritage of post-war British buildings. Dr Cherry and his team are keen to see that examples of the enormous variety of building types, sculptures and memorials that mushroomed in the Fifties and Sixties are effectively saved for

Listing, however, as English Heritage points out, does not necessarily mean that a building cannot be altered, adapted or even demolished; rather "it ensures that its architectural and historic importance is properly assessed before decisions are taken affecting its future".

There are approximately half a million listed buildings Dr Martin Cherry, Head of in Britain, representing 2 per cent of the total building stock. Of these 184 have been built since 1945. Expect that number to expand inexorably, because the bulk of the nation's building stock dates from after the Blitz and somewhere in all that schlock are aviaries, elephant houses and New Town terraces that deserve equal footing with the best the 18th and 19th centuries have hand-

ed down to us.

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Nation's health: A healthy lifestyle initiative is launched as the Army wages its own battle against flabby soldiers

Obesity blamed on passive over-eating

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Scientists have coined a new phrase to describe the consumption of fat-laden foods which are partially to blame for the epidemic of obesity in Britain and other Western countries - passive over-eating. Failed serial dieters who blame their weight problem on

their genes, a slow metabolism

or being "big boned", will no

it is not their fault they are fat. But passive over-eating, unlike passive smoking, offers no excuse for the victim. according to Dr Andrew Prentice of the Medical Research Council's Dunn Nutrition Cen-

Speaking at the launch of a new healthy lifestyle initiative

tre in Cambridge. A low-fat diet

and exercise remain the key to

doubt gleefully adopt the con-cept, suggesting as it does that yesterday, Dr Prentice said yesterday, Dr Prentice said there had been a 50 per cent increase in the fat to carbohydrate ratio in the national diet since the 1960s. "Food intake has been declining from its peak in the mid-1960s, so how

is it that we have a burgeoning increase in obesity?" he asked. "In part the reason is that although we are consuming a similar [or decreased] bulk of food there are many more calories

ing - we don't necessarily want to cat more ... but neither we [the extra calories] and reducing the quantity of food ac-

cordingly. But a predilection for fattier foods is only part of the story and the increase in "sloth" may be a more significant factor, Dr Prentice said. A rapid decline in levels of physical activity has coincided with soar-

per gram. It is passive over-eat- ing obesity rates. Less than 6 per cent of children now walk to school compared with up to 80 per cent in the 1950s and 1960s. Television viewing has dou-

bled from 13.5 hours in 1967 to 27 hours in 1992; people now pend 40 per cent of their leisure time watching television, he added."There are very few people who are doing anything like the energy expenditure necessary to compensate for intake." Dr Prentice said that weight-

gain of Western populations had been the trend for 50-70 years. Boeing, the aircraft designer. had increased the weight allocation per passenger by 22lbs since it first started building aeroplanes, he said. But it is the

rise in the incidence of obesity - the number of obese British men and women doubled between 1980 and 1991 - which has alarmed doctors who say that changing behaviour is the only way to tackle the problem,

and reduce costs to the NHS of obesity-related problems, a figure now put at £2bn.

The Government's Health of the Nation target to reduce the prevalence of obesity to 6 per cent of men and 8 per cent of women by 2005 is now regarded as over-ambitious but the Food and Drink Federation said good progress towards the targets was possible. Its "Join the Activaters" initiative will focus on easy lifestyle changes.

Football tragedy officers win £1.2m damages

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PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Editor

Fourteen police officers who suffered psychological damage rescuing victims of the Hills borough disaster were yesterday awarded £1.2m in dar warded £1.2m in damages.
All the junior tank officers had gone into the fenced pens to try to save Liverpool fans in

the 1989 tragedy, which put their case into a different category to the unsuccessful claim brought by six other officers last But the award, agreed after South Yorkshire Constabulary, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club and the club's engineers

admitted negligence, also served to reopen bitterness among victims' families, many of whom received no compensation after watching the tragedy unfold on television. The officers' solicitor, Si-

mon Allen, said they were still significantly affected by post traumatic stress caused by bringing out the dead and injured from the pens. Five had eft the force because of the psychological damage cansed The settlement, agreed at

the door of Sheffield High Court just as the case was to go before a judge, contrasts with last year's claim by the six other officers who had tended injured and dying fans on the pitch and with bodies in a temporary

The High Court ruled that they had not been "rescuers" to the degree as the 14, but this is subject to an appeal to the Court of Appeal next month. Mr Allen said: "Members of

the emergency services are no different to anyone else in that when their emotions are subjected to the gruesome scenes of a tragedy such as Hillsborough they are likely to be meatally affected as a result. They accept the reasonable ||

risks of their service, but they should not be expected to deal with the appalling consequences of the negligent actions of others, including their own senior officers." Although no details were

given of individual settlements. yesterday's compensation would average out at £85,000 per officer. But most of the relatives

were denied compensation because they were unable to make a case of negligence. Joan Traynor, treasurer of the Hillsborough Family Support Group, said the size of the

award was "outrageous". Mrs Traynor, who lost two sons in the disaster, said her doctor had advised her she was still suffering from the trauma. She added: "They will also have their pensions and everything else, won't they? We have got

nothing at all, Phil Hammond, the group's secretary, received £7,000 in compensation for the loss of his son. The family was later awarded £24,000 from the £14m Hilk-

borough Disaster Fund. Relatives lost a Court of Appeal attempt to get their compensation increased and were blocked from appealing further to the House of Lords.

The Police Federation, which underwrote the officers' legal costs, extended its sympathy to the relatives who have been denied compensation under the law. But Ian Westwood, the federation's national vice-chairman, said: "These junior officers were in no way responsible for the tragic events which occurred. On the coutrary, they did everything possible to save lives that day and

they witnessed horrific sights." Mr Westwood said the officers had brought the action partly because the tragedy had been avoidable.

How the army makes its soldiers fighting fit

Basic Fitness Level for civilian recruits age 17-25. Minimum standards for all arms and services: higher scores are necessary for entry to certain arms.

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Test 3 Tarzan assault course. Recruits 13 mins, officers 12 mins 20

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30-miles. 30 miles across Dartmoor carrying additional safety stores. Recruits 8 hrs. officers 7hrs.

Instructors adopt gentle regime to toughen up recruits for combat duty

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

"Come on you! What are you waiting for? An invitation? You should be up there! Let's go!" After six weeks of training at Pirbright, Surrey, the future

soldiers in the five Guards regiments and the Royal Logistic Corps were undergoing their combat agility test, designed to show they were fit enough and knew how to tackle obstacles well enough to go into combat. As most swung, a little hesi-

tantly, over the assault course, climbing ropes, scaling 6ft walls and balancing on steel bars, a group of newer recruits were watching, getting their first introduction to a frenetic world of mud, water, acrobatics, aer-

ial bars and pain. "Do not stop! If you stop you will fall in." shouted Bom-bardier Ian Battersby, Royal Ar-and sport in schools and wear-But we don't take any chances." tillery, one of the instructors. There was a splash as one of the soldiers dropped from the aerial frame and disappeared into the brown gunge. "Dry your hands on your helmet! Come on! Move!

After 16 to 25 years of the wrong food, the wrong shoes and not enough exercise, the Army has just 10 weeks to get its recruits up to the minimum standard required for combat soldiers. Mostly it succeeds in turning raw material which is sometimes the consistency of lard into something nearer fillet steak. But to do so it has had to alter its training policy.

Twenty years ago, young re-cruits would have been hurled at this assault course with little preparation and expected to get

round it. Now, they have to be engineers and logisticians move introduced to it gently. By week eight they should be ready to take the basic fitness test, which all soldiers have to pass every six months. The biggest and most far-reaching change the Army has had to face in recent years is in the human raw material the instructors now

have to work with. The most difficult task for the newly-formed Army Individual Training Organisation, will be to maintain a flow of trained soldiers as the Army's recruits become less "robust". Changes in diet, and lifestyle - long

trainers have to take that into account as well. hours in front of the video, less

Further round the assault course, one of the recruits stumbled as he landed after negotiating an obstacle. A medic was

on to learn their trades, but for

the Guardsmen this is only a be-

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The effect of modern lifestyle

infantry training follow.

'One of the recruits' problems is that they have never gone through any pain'

ing trainers - are blamed. In many cases, recruits are overweight - although those grossly overweight are not accepted and would not pass the initial, very basic fitness test given to all applicants. In some cases, particularly in Scotland,

they are also underweight. They are usually aged between 16 and 25, although occasionally those entering certain trades may be older. Pirbright, formerly the Guards' depot, is the home of one of the Army's five training regiments, which trains young men and women for the Guards, the RLC, the Royal Artillery and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. All do the 10-week "common military syl-

labus' course. The gunners,

said Staff Sergeant Pauline Doran, the senior physical training instructor responsible for the gym and 15 physical training in-

structors at Pirbright.
About five out of every 40 recruits are injured during the 10 weeks. S/Sgt Paul Bastow is a trained remedial instructor". "We get lots of lower leg injuries, stress fractures, and back injuries. And we're starting to see more stress fractures of the feet. It's the bio-mechanics of the foot. We're having to seek dietary advice," he said.

Those who attend the remedial centre receive extra help which may give them an advantage over those not unfortunate enough to be injured. Special attention is paid to "running style", which is a big

weights. They are also taught on young bodies is not just a question of fitness, of upperwhat to eat. "Another problem is they've never gone through any pain. Young people also appear to be more fragile, and less used to

Their perceived rate of exertion would be totally different from a competent amateur athlete," said S/Sgt Bastow. The majority of recruits were determined to become soldiers and to overcome the hurdles in their way. About 60 per cent of those injured returned to and completed their training.
Major-General Christopher

problem as many of the recruits

have never been taught to run

properly. The instructors at Pirbright are increasingly find-

ing that recruits have not been

taught basic physical techniques, for example, how to lift

Elliott, the "chief executive" of the new agency responsible for producing trained soldiers, said the Army was considering lengthening the initial recruits training course to 12 weeks to cope with the "couch potato" problem, but that other, more flexible schemes were also being examined, such as potential recruits joining the Territorial Army for six months.

Back at Pirbright, in the gym, a group of recruits destined for the Royal Artillery, who had been in the Army just three days, were receiving their first gym instruction. Some had never been in a gymnasium before.

As everywhere in the Army, those who have had gym lessons at school had to be re-taught alongside those who had not. Within 10 minutes, a change in the way recruits moved and worked together was apparent. There would many more changes in the next 10 weeks.



Gary Streeter is promoted to divorce bill by Major

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Major puts family man in charge of divorce

COLIN BROWN Chief Political correspondent

A minister committed to moral issues and the family was yes-terday put in charge of the di-vorce law reform bill by John Major in a reshuffle aimed to kill speculation over a further sex scandal in the Government. Gary Streeter, 40, was the

rebels join forces to attack the

Bill's final stages.

The decision to put Mr Streeter in charge of one of the Government's most important flagship bills was taken by Mr Major during an impromptu walk with the Government chief whip Alastair Goodlad.

the Welsh Office, following newspaper allegations that the minister had an affair with a 28year-old divorcee, Julia Felthouse, the public relations officer for the National Canine Defence League.

Jonathan Evans, who had been in charge of the Family

Parliamentary Secretary in the Lord Chancellor's Department, replacing Mr Evans. The reshuffle will be completed by the appointment of a whip to replace Mr Streeter, a former solicitor who lists "the family" as one of his interests in a Parlia-

mentary guide. The Richards affair could still

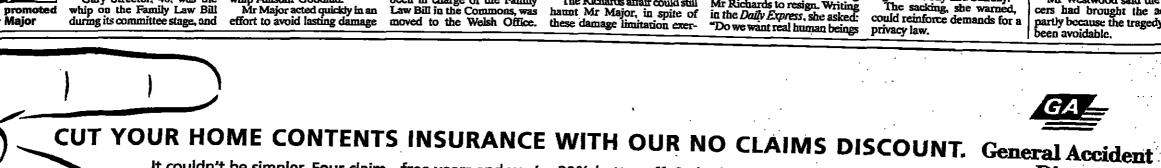
his mettle will be tested later this from the resignation of Rod Mr Streeter was promoted to cises. Mr Richards' constituen-year when Labour and Tory Richards, a junior minister in Parliamentary Secretary in the cyparty in Clwyd North West timonious hymburgs? cy party in Clwyd North West is expected to summon him to a meeting following the re-ports of his affair. Mr Richards' wife of 21 years, Liz, is popular in the constituency.

Billericay, has questioned Mr Major's judgement in ordering Mr Richards to resign. Writing

timonious humbugs? "Politicians," she went on,

"live very unnatural lives. Sep-arated from their families for most of the week, it is inconceivable that men living on po-Teresa Gorman, the MP for litically-charged adrenaline should confine their sexual urges to Friday and Sunday."

The sacking, she warned could reinforce demands for a

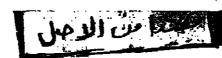




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Pembroke collection: Paintings and sculpture acquired by students at an Oxford college have been rescued after two decades of neglect

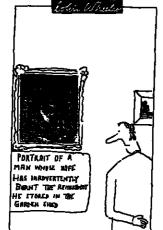
£1m art cache found decaying in a basement

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

A post-graduate student at Pembroke College, Oxford, has discovered an important collection of post-war art which had been left to moulder in a locked basement for almost two decades.

Thought to be worth close to £1m, it includes works by Prunel-la Clough, Lynn Chadwick, Victor Pasmore, Patrick Heron, Elisabeth Frink, Percy Wyndham Lewis and John Piper.

The cache was found by Victoria Wild, 27, who is finishing a Doctorate of Philosophy on the history of Conservative Party finances and is a junior dean of Pembroke, one of Oxford's



smaller and poorer colleges. Last October she moved into a set of rooms in the college and asked for them to be redecorated. She thought the walls looked bare and asked if there were any prints available. Told that there were some old pictures in the basement of a student

house, she went to investigate. "It was full of broken furniture and behind the junk there was another door ... I started picking around. It is a very damp part of the college. There were about 60 pictures in there. Lots had big rips in them, their got ripped after being balanced

they were covered in mould. on a student's head as he came They had been down there since 1978."

The works were by the cream of post-war sculptors and painters, including Ceri Richards, Humphrey Spender, Terry Prost, Patrick Procktor, Peter Ibbetson, Cecil Collins and Gerald Wilde.

In a room upstairs she found damp and dirty works by Dun-can Grant, Heron, Frink, Mary Fedden, Lewis, David Tindle,

John Minton and Tom Phillips.

"The collection was astonishing, not only because it was forgotten but because of the story behind its conception," Ms Wild said yesterday.

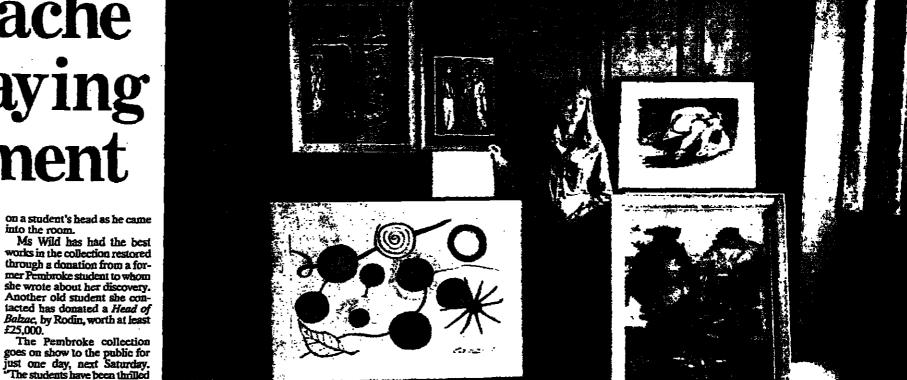
For the works belonged to the students themselves. All the important pieces had been acquired between 1947 and about 1965 using a fund toward which Pembroke undergraduates originally paid 7s/6d a term.

The collection was the inspiration of an undergraduate called Charles Anthony Emery, a former Army officer who went up to Pembroke at the end of the Second World War as a mature student. His idea was to buy works both to furnish students' rooms and to encourage young British artists.

Kenneth Clark, the then Slade Professor of Art at Oxford, was the first picture buyer, and acquired paintings including Sail Life by Grant, Bridge at Cannon Street Station by Minton, and a John Piper.

Later, in 1954, the president of the junior common room visited Francis Bacon's studio and bought an oil, Man in Chair, for £150 - and was censured for wasting money. It is now in the Ashmolean Museum, and works by Bacon can sell for half

ironically, it seems that the collection ended up in the basement after the paintings became too valuable to stay on students' walls. College folklore has it that one picture by Derrick Greaves frames were falling off and on a door so that it would fall



Art hoard: Victoria Wilde with some of the restored paintings. Anti-clockwise from top left: Patrick Heron's Crown Vicarage by Night, Alexander Calder's Abstract, Prunella Clough's Fishermen with Sprats, Ceri Richards' Nude and John Piper's Three Saints



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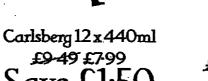
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David Hare throws book at awards secrecy

DAVID LISTER

Laurence Olivier once said he only approved of prizes for actors if he was receiving them. The playwright David Hare has taken the adage one step fur-

He only approves of prizes for playwrights if the winner is informed in advance that he has won. Lawyers' letters have been exchanged between Hare and Lloyds Bank, which had the audacity to nominate him as playwright of the year. Hare, author of award-win-

ning plays such as Skylight and Racing Demon, claims he disapproves of award ceremonies which do not tell the winner in advance that he has won. He first aired the issue in his

column in the Speciator when he wrote: "Award ceremonies are getting out of hand ... Lloyds Bank, without permission, entered me for some new award no one had heard of. When I declined to take part in the usual humiliations in a London hotel, they said it was their right to enter me whether I liked it or not.

"A letter arrived, making lawyers' threats. They don't understand. No sensible playwright likes to be entered like a rat in a trap opposite their colleagues."

But in the current issue of the magazine one of the award panel judges. Sheridan Morley. who is, ironically, the Speciator's theatre critic, fires a broadside against Mr Hare.

"Hare's recollection of the Lloyds Bank affair needs considerable correction." he says.

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"His agent told us somewhat sheepishly that Hare would only attend the prize-giving dinner if he could be told in advance that he had won. Told that we simply couldn't reveal that since it had been a secret ballot and the winner would be known, even to the judges, only on the night of the prize-giving. it was then Hare, not us, who threatened legal action.
"Unlike all 11 other finalists.

including some of the greatest playwrights in the land, he alone demanded through lawyers that his name be removed from the shortlist and all advertising associated with the prize, for which, in the event, he

was a close runner-up. Lloyds Private Bank lawyers told us that he had not a legal leg to stand on, but the sponsors decided at vast expense to themselves that they would in any case honour his feelings The precedent is terrifying.

"Hare had a perfect right to decline to attend the dinner, but none whatsoever to demand that a panel of independent judges, mainly London drama critics, should be allowed to nominate for this £25,000 prize only those writers who allow themselves to be nominated.

"On reflection, I believe we were altogether too accommodating to Hare's evidently very



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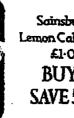
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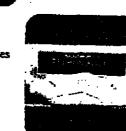
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Families on breadline face 'daily battle'

GLENDA COOPER

People on low incomes are not a feckless "underclass" content to live off the state, but aspire to a job, a decent home and an income to cover their bills. according to a new report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation.

For just £15 a week more, millions of poverty-stricken families which fight a constant battle to make ends meet could be saved from such misery, it concludes.

Around 14 million adults and children now live in households whose net incomes are half the national average. The report, Life on a low income, comes just 12 months after an inquiry set up by the foundation revealed that the gap between rich and poor had grown between 1979 and 1992 to its highest level for 50 years.

For a family of two parents and two children, the national average income after housing costs would by £220 per week. The same family, living on income support and child benefit would have £153.

But far from wasting the little money they had, the report's author, Elaine Kempson, spoke yesterday of the "incredible resourcefulness and resilience " and "very sophisticated money management" that was shown by those living in poverty.

More than 2,000 people were

interviewed around the country for the report, whose publication coincides with the launch of Broke! - a Channel Four sea-

son on poverty, beginning today.

The foundation concluded that those on benefits would have had the money they needed to avoid real hardship if the link between earnings and social security benefits had not been broken in the early 1980s. Those who relied on income support - nearly 10 million people - were the worst hit. The inflexibility in the social secuto disclose them and committed fraud.

The report paints a bleak picture of those struggling to survive on low incomes. Women, who normally managed family budgets, resorted to complicated strategies that included shopping little and often to avoid stocks of food that might get eaten too quickly, systematic searching for special offers and shopping without partners or children to

They have found to their cost that looking after

the pennies does not mean the pounds will look after themselves'

avoid pressure to spend more.

Anxiety to avoid waste led some mothers to buy convenience foods they knew their children would eat - even if they were not healthy foods.

People living on low incomes tended to have diets which were low in fresh fruit and high in fat. Problems were worse for people who needed special diets as they were often more than they could afford. "I'm on what you call a 'highline' diet with my diabetes," said one woman. "But some weeks it goes out the window ... Sometimes I've really had to cut down with food. As a diabetic I shouldn't. But the things I should eat, I can't."

Parents were adamant they would not compromise on spending for their children, even if it meant going without

While adults bought them-selves second-hand clothes from charity shops or jumble rity system also meant that would-be workers who accept-

ed casual or low-paid jobs for a few hours a week gained lit-tle advantage unless they failed stried to ensure that clothing lasted for as long as possible by buyng a size or two too large.

Debts tended to be for basic household bills - rent, mort-gage, gas, electricity and water and council tax - rather than the consumer credit arrears accumulated by better-off debtors. These types of debts carried the harshest sanctions in terms of repossession, disconnection, fines, and even imprisonment. The research shows most people were ashamed of being in debt, and for those whose homes were repossessed, the sense of public humiliation is particularly strong.

"Life on a low income, as experienced by a large and growing minority of the population is a stressful, debilitating and de-meaning experience," said Ms Kempson, a senior fellow at the Policy Studies Institute. "While some people manage their budgets more successfully than others, the inability of those on the lowest incomes to make ends meet can seldom be attributed to fecklessness.

"Most of those in debt feel shamed and stigmatised, despite knowing they can't pay rather than won't pay. They have found to their cost that looking after the pennies on benefit does not necessarily mean the pounds will look after them-

The foundation is calling for a commitment to achieve the fullest possible level of employment, policies to tackle low pay and ensuring that tax changes do not increase the bur-dens on those least able to pay.

The unco-ordinated policy-making which has forced poorer people to pay the price for changes that have benefit-ed the majority must be ad-dressed," said a spokesman. "It is important that people in that position are allowed to benefit from general rises in pros-



'I would tell Major that the system stinks'

Fifteen years ago, Kevin Hogan was a proud supporter of what he calls "the system". He was a member of the British Army's parachute regiment, and served in both Northern Ireland and the Falkland Islands, writes Glenda Cooper.

"When I went out to the Falklands it was all, 'off you go chaps, you'll never want for anything When I used to hear Land of Hope and Glory; the hairs would stand on the back of my neck. I don't get that feeling now." Hogan left the army in 1989

and has since been diagnosed as suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. He and his wife Jane and their two children -Hannah, 6, and Luke, 3 - now live on his incapacity benefit, which comes to £128 a week, and his admiration for Margaret Thatcher and her free market economy has disappeared.

While we were off fighting, all the Government was thinkCASE STUDY

ing about was winning the next election. Margaret Thatcher was smiling, patting us on the back and robbing us blind. "Poverty deprives you of

yourself, of pleasures, leisure and security," he continues. "I see my wife going without good Foundation that targets cause of social ills

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pressure to pay bills. You're for-ever robbing Peter to pay Paul. Most of our money goes on fuel bills, as it is really difficult to heat our house."

When the family home was repossessed last year, the thing that hurt him most was the fear

and bewilderment of his chil-a system full of selfishness. It's dren. They could not under-like we're told that poverty food so she can give it to the and bewilderment of his chil-children. There is a constant dren. They could not understand where or why it had gone. "Poverty is seen as a failure," he explains.

why is everyone terrified of getting sacked? It's because they know where they'll end up "Poverty destroys your self es-teem, and the media give you - where we are. You can only these verbal beatings, leading make it these days by standing everyone to believe it is their on your fellow man. fault of they're poor. We exist in

But he believes that such an individualistic society cannot survive for long.
"I'm not asking for pity. I'm

doesn't exist. Then I ask myself:

sure if we all got together and talked about it, we'd realise that the current system isn't working. At the moment there's no room for human emotions things such as compassion towards your fellow man."

He berates politicians for their inaction. "I wonder what Mr Major thinks when he lies his head on his pillow at night. If I met him I would say, 'Can't we just take a look at the system, because the one we've got now stinks'."

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Derbyshire' inquiry to cost £2m mapping and possibly the use of so the department believes the resented on the expedition.

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

oapers on poverty.

The search for what caused the sinking of the Derbyshire, lost in the Pacific Ocean 16 years ago, will proceed in two phases, the Government announced yes-

The most complex marine ac-cident investigation carried out by the United Kingdom will involve two expeditions to the site of the sinking, off the coast of more detailed marine survey of the sinking, off the coast of Japan, at a cost of £2m. A source at the Department of Transport described the quest tres (14,100ft) to the seabed. yesterday as "like trying to fly

through the Alps in a glider holding a pen-torch in your mouth as your only light". The first expedition, due

The Non-Interveners

By Geoffrey Grigson

DAILY POEM

In England the handsome Minister with the second and a half chin and his heart-shaped mind hanging on his thin watch-chain, the Minister

with gout who shaves low on his holly-stem neck.

In Spain still the brown and gilt and the twisted pillar, still the olives, and in the mountains the chocolate trunks of cork trees bare from

of the charcoal-burner's grey tump, the ebony sea

hedgehogs in the clear water, the cuttle speared at night; and also the black slime under the bullet-pocked wall, also the arterial blood

squirting into the curious future, also the greasy cloud streaked with red in yellow; and

In England the ominous grey paper, with its indifferent headline, its news from our own

notes of music between the black poles on

The most testing event for British poets in the Thirties was

the Spanish Civil War, when Franco's Fascists overthrew the

elected Republican government, writes Valentine Cunningham.
The world's left-leaning poets – the majority – took up Spain's cause as a moral crusade, flocking to Spain as fighters, medical workers and propagandists. The passion and fury evoked for your filled the most of Audes Essandar O

by war filled the pages of Anden, Spender, Orwell, Mac-Neice, Laurie Lee: heroic songs, laments, elegies, poems from battlefields, hospital, prison, and, in this instance, Geoffrey Grigson's scarcely concealed attack on the British government's

Valentine Cunningham edited the Perguin Book of Spanish Civil War Verse, cissued this month in Penguin 20th Contury Classics at £9.99.

correspondent away from the fighting, and in England the crack-willows, their

wet leaves reversed by the wind; and the swallows sitting different ways like

the five telephone wires.

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a remotely operated submarine. An expedition sponsored by

the International Transport Federation discovered the bulk of the wreckage last year but could not identify the stem, which the federation suspects is at another wreckage site five The second expedition, to last

between three and eight weeks and may feature the descent of a manned submarine 4,300 me-

The 90,000-ton Britishowned Derbyshire sank in September 1980 in a typhoon while on the way from Canada to Japan, with the loss of all 44

within the next month and last-ing five days, is to fix the loca-tion of the stern by sonar people on board. The ship was modern - four years old - and double-hulled,

reasons it went down may hold lessons for the design and safety of other vessels.

The Derbyshire Families Association, which has led a department to investigate the disaster, expressed disappoint-ment that it would not be rep-

The Families Association argues that catastrophic failure of one of ship's frames - No 65 caused the sinking.

But the expedition will conlengthy campaign to force the sider another 12 suggested causes for the disaster, including failure of the hatch cover or



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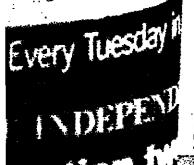


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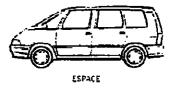














SARAH HELM Brussels

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, was last night again battling to ease the European ban on British beef as the Government intensified its disruption of European Union business, provoking an increasing storm of protest.

Mr Hogg presented a 121page document to European agriculture ministers listing British BSE eradication measures in his latest attempt to secure a lifting of the ban on gelatine, tallow and semen. Despite Mr Hogg's latest ini-

tiative, Government hopes of se-curing an easing of the ban appeared to hang in the balance, as Germany and Austria indicated they would continue to block the modification. Spain, Belgium and Luxembourg, who previously opposed the change, showed signs of switching sides, lifting British hopes of a break-

Mr Hogg yesterday repeated John Major's insistence that Britain's programme of dis-ruption of EU business would continue unless the ban on the three beef byproducts was lifted and a "framework" for removing the entire ban was agreed. The Government's message last night was that without progress, Britain would proceed with its threat to sabotage the Florence summit in three weeks' time.

As Mr Hogg was attempting to win over his European counterparts, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eric Forth, the Employment Minister, were spearheading an intensified veto campaign by blocking eight measures in separate European Council meetings. Mr Clarke, who blocked a long-standing measure to combat EU fraud, previously supported by Britain, said he had told fellow finance ministers that Britain

VEIOES would continue to block all decisions requiring unanimity until a framework was in place for lifting the ban. "I indicated how we will proceed until the ban is lifted," he said. Mr Forth infuriated his European partners by blocking a plan to designate 1997 as the European

year against racism. The disruption brought the strongest protests yet from European commissioners and ministers, who cautioned that other European governments would soon begin their own counter-retaliation measures against Britain. Ivan Yates, the Irish Agriculture Minister, said there would come a point when

The more they block decisions the more they risk others lining up against them'

continental member states "get as bloody-minded as the Karel van Miert, commis-

sioner for the internal market, said Britain was a "drifting ship". "Britain is playing with fire. The more they block EU decisions the more they run the risk of all the others lining up against them. If the impression is given that an end to the export ban depends on a political power game and not on scientific arguments or public health it will hardly reassure people about the lifting of the ban," he said.

Padraig Flynn, commissioner for social affairs, said the decision to block the anti-racism measure had brought "palpable disappointment". He added: "This shows the bad effect of the UK policy. They stood alone and a proposal to combat racism has fallen victim to their

policy."

Britain's campaign to secure
the lifting of the beef ban is being conducted on three fronts. Mr Hogg's document detailing eradication measures is designed to reassure member states that Britain is instituting a concerted anti-BSE programme. The document listed culling plans, and a programme for increased monitoring. Mr Hogg said proposals were also to be made under which farmers could be convicted of a criminal offence should they be found to be keeping or using infected cattle feed on their premises. Apart from this proposal, however, Mr Hogg conceded yesterday that the document contained "nothing new".

On a second front, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary and Mr Hogg will today attempt to launch negotiations for a longer-term framework for lifting the entire ban. Mr Rifkind will discuss proposals in Brussels with Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, under which the ban would be lifted for exports to third countries for calves and for cattle fed on grass and cleared of BSE.

Mr Rifkind and Mr Hogg will travel to all member states over the next few days to sell their framework proposal.

The programme of disrupting EU business will continue, as the third prong of the gov-ernment's strategy. Included in the measures opposed by Mr Clarke yesterday was a proposal granting money to help pay for elections in Bosnia. Among plans blocked by Mr Forth was a move to increase equal opportunities for women in industry and commerce.

No one knows whether Terry Venables'

team can emulate history, but the drama and



louglas Hogg on the beef ban: "Pub-The life health has always been our priority and always will be. We are clear and relentless in our policy objective of keeping beef safe. to eat: "There is no scientific evidence that there is a risk from beef. That is why the EU's export ban is - our partners to action unjustified and should be lifted."



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Farms with suspect feed to be fined

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced that it would make it a criminal offence for British farms to possess the suspect an-imal feed which could spread bovine spongiform cephalopathy (BSE), in a de-tailed dossier setting out its programme to eradicate BSE in the United Kingdom".

Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, was given a cool velcome when he presented the programme to European Union farm ministers. Most of it reviews action already announced, and it seems unlikely to persuade the EU to go further than today's expected lifting of the ban on exports from Britain of the beef derivatives, gelatine, tallow and bull semen.

The document claims: "Britain now has tougher controls against BSE than any other country in the world."

Under the programme, farmers will have to clear remaining stocks of all feedstuffs containing meat and bone meal by the end of July - and then face fines if stocks which have been identified as the root cause of the crisis are found on their

The dossier says that the Government is paying for a "recall" scheme in the next two months to clear the last remaining supplies of the animal protein feed which was banned for cattle in 1989, but only banned for feeding to pigs and poultry in March this year. It is now believed that cross-

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contamination in feedmills the 14,000 cases in 1995 to where the same machines are 8,400 cases this year, but it used for processing meal for cattle and for other farm animals is to blame for nearly 27,000 cases of BSE which have broken out since the ban was introduced for cattle,

"After the recovery of all meat and bone meal from mills and farms during June and July, its possession will be a criminal act," Mr Hogg said as the talks began. 🗝 🤄 The document also sets out

the details of the Government's plan for selective culling of up to 80,000 extra cattle "which can be identified as at particular high risk of BSE".

It estimates that this will have a dramatic effect on the

number of cases of the disease reported this year. It had ex-pected a fall of 40 per cent from

with new rules for "registering and tightly controlling" specialist beef herds with "a long record of freedom from BSE". This offers hope for organic farmers and smaller upmarket herds which have always been BSE-free.
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will start to introduce "animal

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The document says Britain

reduction".

the Government's plans for a "framework" for the phased lifting of the ban - the subject of a separate document not made public vesterday.

The public document sets out

the Government's three main goals: "Above all, it wishes to protect consumers against any risk. however remote, that BSE may be transferred to Man. It seeks to eliminate BSE in the UK cattle herd. And it aims to prevent the transfer of BSE to any other animal species.

In return for the measures outlined in the dossier to achieve these goals, the docu-ment sets out "What Britain expects from its European Union partners". It urges member states to remember the EU's "fundamental principle" of free trade, and continues: "As the United Kingdom works to cradicate BSE by bringing in animal passports and other controls, it expects its efforts to be reflected in early moves to a phased lifting of the EU's ban on beef and beef by-products."

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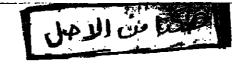
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Italy may return to the ERM fold

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the end of the country's EU But Britain, which fell out of the ERM in 1992 after the pound came under pressure on international markets, continues to resist re-entry.

The Italian government is con-

sidering returning the lira to the

European exchange rate mech-

anism on 22 June, just before

Economics Editor

Luxembourg

and SARAH HELM

The Italian cabinet is committed to returning to the ERM and eventually joining the single currency. It is currently debating the merits of re-entry later this month rather than in the autumn and is due to decide within a week.

Moving swiftly would have the advantage of improving the country's chances of joining the single currency right from its start. On the other hand, de-

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Michael Howard, the Home Secretary,

on the proposals he will block today: "I don't think any of them are earth-shaking

... but they are useful measures, many of which we

broadly support, but which we are not going to allow to proceed." The extent of the damage, he said, depends on how quickly matters can be resolved.

time to draw up a budget that would be credible with the financial markets.

period with the markets, but financiers want to see it administer a strong dose of budgetary medicine to bring the huge national debt under control

Andrea Delitala, Italian economist at investment bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, said: "There is no room to save money from the government deficit in a non-painful way. They must define a credible fiscal policy with budget measures that will save at least 15 trillion lire."

The new Prime Minister, Romano Prodi has said he plans a supplementary budget in mid-June.

laving for several months would a year earlier in the first four treaty if it wants to keep the op-

Cuts of 10 trillion lire have been drawn up to help bring the shortfall back towards the 109.4 trillion lire target for 1996.

thought it could somehow rival Nato ...

Nato continues to be the only oredible torce when it come to combat operations or operations of any

Malcolm Pathand, the Foreign Secretary, gave his views in Berlin on plans to give Europe more military muscle: "Europe

The Italian currency has al-The new government is at ready recovered nearly 25 per present enjoying a honeymoon . cent in value against the German mark during the past 12 months, compared to the pound's climb of less than 7 per cent . The pound and lira were ejected from the exchange rate mechanism together in September 1992.

Britain, however, continues to resist pressure to reioin the ERM. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, yesterday claimed Game set and match" for Britain after saying he had successfully deferred a decision on whether Britain must join another exchange rate mechanism. Mr Clarke was attending a meeting of finance ministers in Luxembourg.

Several member-states are ar-

The government deficit has guing that Britain must join the increased sharply compared to ERM under the Maastricht

single currency. Mr Clarke, however, has always insisted no such obligation exists. After the Luxembourg meeting, which was dominated by the beef controversy, Mr Clarke said his partners had agreed to defer the entire issue until the

Dublin summit in December.

Separately, Mr Clarke yesterday openly relished German discomfort over the European Commission's finding that it exceeded the Maastricht budget deficit requirement for 1995 when its deficit reached 3.5 per cent of gross domestic product. Germany now faces Commission penalties, it was confirmed. Mr Clarke said ebulliently: "We dealt with the excessive deficit procedure by confirming that Germany has an excessive deficit."

All but the three smallest of the 15 EU nations are on the socalled excessive-deficit list. Denmark was taken off the list vesterday, joining Ireland and Luxembourg.

EU forecasts show the bud- continue on the plan.

get gap widening still further this year to 3.9 per cent as Germany's record unemployment cuts tax revenue and pushes up welfare spending. The same forecasts, released last month by the EU's executive agency, show Germany sneaking in be-low the 3-per-cent deficit bar-

Nemeth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Ecchequer's, together with Eric Forth, the employment ininister, spearheading an intensified year compaign by blocking a senes of eight measures in separate European Council meatures.

ings: "I indicated how we will proceed until the ban is littled." Mr Clarke said.

rier in 1997 - the crucial year when the decision on who adopts the euro will be taken. The finance ministers yesterday also attempted to push forward plans for a so-called stability pact, under which countries which join monetary union will be obliged to keep to strict economic convergence criteria after the 1999 launch. The stability pact is a German idea, but has met with resistance from some member-states. Obections have been raised to Germany's proposal that coun-

rules should suffer instant fines. No resolution to the disagreement was achieved yesterday and further work will

tries that do not keep to the

Defence deal keeps all the parties happy

and MARY DEJEVSKY

"Are you satisfied?" asked Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, as he bumped into his French counterpart. Herve de Charette, in the lift. France was "very satisfied". Mr de Charette assured him.

Nato foreign ministers, meeting in Berlin for the first time in the history of the alliance, had just agreed to free the European members of Nato from their transatlantic shackles.

Britain, historically unhappy about anything that would create a European defence structure separate from Nato, went

along quite happily.

"For the first time in the history of the Atlantic alliance, Europe can express its defence identity," proclaimed Mr de Charette, not forgetting to credit France with the achievement. The years in the Cold War

wilderness were over.
With the creation of the European Security and Defence Identity (ESDI), the continent's alphabet soup of organisations charged with maintaining the peace has acquired its most vital ingredient yet.

For ESDI is the Holy Grail of European defence, allowing just a few member states to mount peace-keeping missions. even outside the boundaries of Nato. Its most important element is the Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF), a sort of Jefence Lego that can be built up at short notice to send to the world's hot-spots. Europe lacked this flexibili-

ty throughout the Bosnia crisis. In the new set-up, whose technical aspects will be finalised by December, a few interested member-states can raise such an army, which will remain under the aegis of Nato, but will not require the active participation of all members. A CITE could operate under

the command of the Western to provide political authority when it comes to combat op-European Union, the defence body that is linked both to erations in future," he said.

Nato and the European Union. But this is not the kind of European force that France has been clamouring for, nor that which Britain has fought against, "There was a suggestion at one stage that there should be a separate European command structure," said Makeolm Rifkind, the British Foreign Secretary, "It did not survive, nor did it deserve to."

While Mr Rifkind was in Berlin, the British Defence Secretary, Michael Portillo, was in Paris, underlining the view that defence, armaments and armies are matters to be decided primarily by sovereign governments. not

'The new deal, if anything, ties the US to Europe more firmly than ever before

"supranational institutions" of the European Union.

Mr Portillo sought to differentiate between delence groupings, like Nato and the West European Union on the one hand, and the EU on the oth-

He wanted to scotch the idea that either the new European "pillar" in Nato or the WEU were, or could become, the defence arm of the European Union. Addressing an audience at the French military academy, he insisted that neither Nato nor the WEU could submit itself to policies made by

He also stressed that Europe is only at the beginning of its quest for a new defence structure: "The WEU is not and will not be, a European substitute and direction for European opstances of "acting unilaterally within Nato" would "begin at the small end and for some time ahead be limited". The new deal, it anything, ties

the United States more tirmly to Europe than ever before. Without US input, a combined European force would have trouble pacifying Liechtenstein. let alone bringing peace to the Balkans.

Any mission will continue to rely on US satellite intelligence. heavy military transport aireraft and communications technology, which under this agreement can now be "borrowed" from Nato.

But the arrangements will al-kew future US presidents to help out with small-scale Bosnia style missions without provoking resistance in Congress. And decisions about missions of any kind will still have to be approved by all Nato memberstates, and the use of Nato assets during an operation will be kent "under review". In other words, what the US gives, it can take away. Rather than Nato going to

France, it is France that has been beating the path to the alliance in recent months, starting with full political participation in Nato meetings, and leading inevitably to France's return to the military fold. "France will not rejoin yesterday's alliance. It could do it in the new alliance," Mr de Charette said.

In this new age of enlightenment, Paris has given up its goal of converting the Western European Union into a fullyfledged military arm of the EU. "The WEU's policies and role will be much more modest than its previous rhetoric implied," predicted Mr Rifkind. The result, Britain hopes,

will be to underpin the alliance -but also to give it a more modern face, to make it Europe's flexible friend. "Nato continues for Nato. But it is the right body to be the only credible force erations or operations of any

How Labour devised its softly-softly approach

DONALD MACINTYRE

The case against Labour's and the pro-European Tories' handling of the beef crisis was laid out yesterday by Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat foreign-affairs spokesman. "You're either in favour of noncooperation [with EU business] or you're not. To say you're in favour of a little non-cooperation is a bit like saying you are in favour of a little sin but not

What then was the genesis of Labour's cautious policy of qualified support for John Major's non-cooperation strategy? On 22 May Tony Blair had about 10 minutes' notice of Mr Major's statement in the Commons of his non-cooperation policy, which is why he confined himself almost entirely in the House to asking questions about how far Mr Major had thought out his strategy. The first clear hint of how Labour was moving did not come until next day. The slightly surprising sub-text of Mr Blair's statement to reporters covering his trip to Rome almost appeared to be that if the policy was OK by Kenneth Clarke, the most active play it as tactically and cannily

pro-European in the Cabinet, it was OK by Labour. "Talk of war on Europe is foolish and deeply

unhelpful. But if this is, as Kenneth Clarke has described it, a way of exerting pressure to break an impasse by concentrating minds, that is a tactic that other countries have used. I will not undermine it, in the interests of the country, provided it is measured and lawful."

By this time, three options had been discussed by Mr Blair, Donald Dewar, the Chief Whip and Robin Cook, Labour's foreign-affairs spokesman, at the end of a telephone during his trip to Eastern Europe: qualified support; outright opposition and what a Labour source de-scribed as "sitting on the fence." The latter two options were ruled out: the third because it would be too feeble and the second because it would expose Labour to the charge of being unpatriotic, not to mention the condemnation of those Tory newspapers that have been so unreliable in their support of Mr Major. Mr Blair sensed a trap and told colleagues: "We will

knew public opinion would broadly support Mr Major's stance, although they may not have fully realised it would make no impact on the Tories' overall popularity, as last week's Mori poll indicates. After Mr Cook returned, the

qualified-opposition approach

was further refined: government policy is to oppose every proposal that has to be decided by unanimity. In practice that means the strategy only bites on decisions which Britain wants it would oppose anyway). Labour decided to make a virtue of that by ensuring it did veto, for example the vetoing of fraud measures which the Gov-

This may not be the stuff of visionary statesmanship but as raw politics it has a good chance of being a workable solution to tough line

HEATHER MILLS

Yesterday the Home Secretary conceded the measures - which also include his other bete noire, illegal immigration - were "useful" but denied he was cutting off his nose to spite his

was sacrificing sensible measures, he claimed other EU gov ernments had reservations about some of the plans and might any way have rejected them. "I don't think any of them are earth-shak ing in their significance but they are useful measures, many of which we broadly support but which we are not going to allow

taken, or at least does not mind being taken. (Those it is against

not support every use of the ernment had long advocated. In practice, the party has given itself the maximum flexibility: if the policy works, Labour ha supported it; if it does not, it still has room for opposition.

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Howard in a stew over

Home Affairs Correspondent

Michael Howard today places his Eurosceptic credentials above those of law and order when he blocks measures to counter terrorism, drugs, fraud and cor-ruption as part of the protest at the EU beef ban.

Even though some proposals could be delayed until October

by the government stance, Mr Howard maintained non-co-operation was the only way to get other member-states to realise the beef question was of "immense proportions". To head off criticism that he

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Gulf war of words: Hizbollah 'cell' blamed for 18 months of unrest

Bahrain accuses Iran of plotting overthrow

ADEL DARWISH

Bahrain yesterday accused Iran of conspiring with and training a "terrorist" group to over-throw the Manama government and replace it with a pro-Iranian regime. The Iranian ambassador,

Jawad Turkabadi, was summoned to the Bahrain foreign ministry yesterday and was handed a formal protest against Iran's "intervening in Bahrain's internal affairs, encouraging, backing and financing elements to engage in subversive activities and terrorism".

Bahrain has in the past protested to Iran against enand over unfriendly broadcasts, according to a foreign ministry statement. The ambassador was told that Bahrain has already made the decision "to reduce the level of diplomatic repre-sentation between the two nations to chargés d'affaires".

"A serious conspiracy has been uncovered which reveals that an organisation known as the military wing of Hizbollah-Bahrain, together with Iranian authorities, have been plotting since early 1993 to undermine Bahrain's security and stability." an interior ministry statement said. This is the first time Bahrain has publicly accused lran of training and backing terrorists to overthrow the pro-Western government of the Emir, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa. Bahrain is the main finance centre in the Gulf, and the most liberal among Gulf countries. Women drive, work and are not forced to take up the veil. Drinks are allowed in the many bars and clubs, and nationals from other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)countries visit Bahrain at weekends.

The Western lifestyle, in addition to Bahrain being the Gulf headquarters of the US

Islamic fundamentalists. Twenty-eight people are reported to have been killed in unrest that began 18 months ago and included the fire-bombing of the Meridian Hotel in January. Officials always hinted at "foreign forces" backing the terrorists but never mentioned Iran by name. In private, they nod their heads when asked if they have meant Iran, but never produced any evidence.

This time Bahrain said it has the evidence which was preented to the cabinet yesterday. bers of Hizbollah in Bahrain, were made according to Mo-hammed Ibrahim al-Mutawaa, Bahrain's Information Minister. The alleged members include the leader of its military wing and the head of its finance committee, who admitted to re-

Service," he said.

Officials said young Bahrainis were recruited and trained in Iran, before moving into training camps in Lebanon.

Yesterday's decision by Bahrain followed a meeting at

wants to enlist the support of Syria, Iran's main Arab ally. Bahrain is always sensitive to the policies of Iran's Shia government. The majority of Bahrain's population are Shia but no official figures are available, as such distinction is forbidden. There has been no comment from the Iranian Embassy here.

ceiving finance from Iran and planning to bring weapons and explosives to the country. Mr Mutawaa said the accused

who are among a number of over the past few weeks confessed before a magistrate. They set up the organisation in the Iranian city of Qom in 1993 with the full financial and resources backing of Iranian authorities, the Department of Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps and Iranian Intelligence

Small firearms were said to

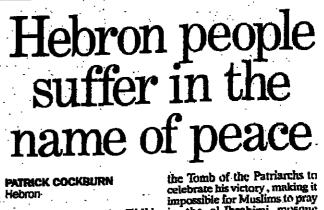
be found in the homes of the accused; but the officials would not say where the arms came from or how they reached Bahrain. The accused are expected to appear tomorrow on the state-controlled television to make full confessions.

the weekend of the six foreign ministers of the Saudi-dominated GCC, of which Bahrain is a member, along with Kuwait, Oatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Saudi Arabia. The GCC issued a strong statement supporting Bahrain and warning Iran against interfering. Bahrain has been urging the Lebanese authorities to help cut

out support from Lebanese Hizbollah to Hizbollah-Bahrain. Western diplomats say Hizbollah-Bahrain, which help in 1993, has no direct link with the unrest.

Arab diplomats say Bahrain

Winning image: Binyamin Netanyahu at his victory rally where he pledged to continue Arab peace talks Photograph: AP



Early yesterday morning Walid Mohammed Abu Damhash, a 30-year-old farmer, was weed-ing his vegetables in the field in front of his house on the outskirts of Hebron. "Suddenly two Israeli officers turned up and said they were going to build a road over my land," he said. "We asked if we could have time to pick the vegetables, but they said 'no'."

A few minutes later three yel-

low Caterpillar buildozers and two mechanical grabs, guarded by a squad of soldiers, tore up Mr Damhash's field, heaping the reddish earth into a mound. Watching from a track 20 yards away Mr Damhash said: "There are 20 people in my family and we all depended on that land." Beside him his 60-year-old uncle, Abed, wiped his eyes as he watched the buildozers.

Even before Binyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, the right-wing Likud leader, was elected prime minister of Israel last week the situation in Hebron was bad. The demolition of Mr Damhash's field was agreed by the Palestinian Authority and its leader Yasser Arafat as part of the Oslo 2 accord whereby Israel would build roads for its settlers over Palestinian land, and, in return, would partially withdraw its soldiers from Hebron.

The bypass roads already cut swathes through the vineyards around Hebron, a city of 100,000 Palestinians, but the election result puts in doubt the Israeli pull-out from 85 per cent of the city. This was delayed because of the suicide bombings in Israel and further postponed because of the election. Mr Netanyahu said he was against a pull-out, but would fulfil Isact's international obligations. Palestinians say Israeli solincreased and settlers have already come more aggressive since Mr Netanyahu won. They say settlers danced and sang outside

in the al-Ibrahimi mosque which shares the same site.

Yesterday, Israeli soldiers were stoned by Palestinian boys when the soldiers stopped a Palestinian police car which was legally driving down Shalaich Street in the city centre. Mohammed Marakah, who owns a grocery store, said: "The soldiers threatened to throw my goods into the street unless I and the other shopkeepers closed." Hani Abedo, 19, working in a shoe-makers, showed bruises on his face where he said he had been hit with a rifle butt. It is not much by the stan-dards of the unifada but things could get a lot worse. Khalid Amayreh, an Islamic writer liv-

ing in Hebron, believes they will He thinks Israel will redeploy its forces, but any good this wil do will be marginalised by a massive intensification of settlement". There are already 400 settlers in the heart of the city whose spokesman says he wants thousands of Jewish families to join them.

Mr Amayreh is not wholly displeased with what he sees as the likely unravelling of the Oslo accords. He said: "There is a very wide gap between the max-imum that Likud is likely to offer and the minimum that

Labour can accept."

Down at the "Prisoners'
Club", Mohammed Hourani, a senior member of Mr Arafat's Fatah organisation, does not disagree. "Netanyahu wants conversations but not negotiations about peace," he said. He did not think Mr Netanyahu would send troops into the Palestinian enclaves, but would seek to control them from outside.

Mr Hourani also feared Likud would try to sideline the Palestinian leadership by doing a deal with Jordan. "The situation with Labour wasn't ideal but it was possible to achieve some things," he said. "I don't think this is true of Likud."

Search for bodies of Western hostages begins in

Kashmir mountains for the bodies of four western hostages, including two Britons, said to have been executed by rebels. A rebel commander, caught by the Indian authorities, claimed that the British tourists, along with a German and an American, were shot dead in December because they were slowing the kidnappers' escape from their pursuers through the snowy Himalayas.

Yard, the FBI and the German surveying the dense pine forests near Margam village, in southem Kashmir, for any trace of the

focus of the hunt for the bodies has been narrowed down to "several square kilometres" of forest after the captured militant commander, Nazir Mohammed, was flown over ravines and mountains above Margam on Friday. Official

Indian security forces, along sources said the search may last with experts from Scotland for two and a half weeks. In New Delhi, a British High "We still haven't given up hope that they're alive. We're fol-

lowing up other leads as well." But the Foreign Office has notified the families of the two British hostages - Keith Mangan, 32, from Middlesbrough and Paul Wells, 23, a Notting ham student - that the testimony of the captured rebel commander seemed credible enough to begin scouring

At least 50 Indian soldiers are that the rebel commander did ists were kidnapped by Al-Faran rebels while trekking last July in the Kashmir Himalayas. Al-Faran, an extremist Islamic group, was demanding the release of 15 Kashmiris held in Indian jails, but India refused

to comply.

Western diplomats who joined in four interrogation sessions with Mr Nazir in the Kashmiri capital, Srinagar, said

helping the Western experts, as not personally witness the well as giving them protection hostages' execution. But fate of the four hostages was sealed on 3 December when an Indian army patrol stumbled upon a band of Al-Faran surgents and opened fire, killing the rebel chief, Al-Turki, and several others.

The two Britons, the German and the American were "only a hundred metres away" when the firefight erupted. While Al-Turki and several other rebels held off the attacking Indian

gents scrambled into the mounthe captured militant, that orders were given for the hostages to be "shot and buried". The hostages had been stricken by snowblindness and gasKNIFICANT

troenteritis, and one of them had injured his leg. By December, though, they had recovered Still, as one official explained: "There is no way the hostages could have kept up with these hardened mountain men. They



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Florida waits for a whisper of an ill wind

sounds harmless enough, hardly that of a mass killer and home-wrecker. But then again, that's what they said about

Down the eastern US seaboard and on the Caribbean islands, everybody is waiting for Arthur. That is the name assigned in advance to the first tropical storm of the 1996 Atlantic hurricane season, which began on Saturday and lasts until November.

He may not yet even be a whisper of wind off north-west Africa and he may grow to nothing more than a tropical storm with 40mph gales. On the other hand, he might just blossom into a hurricane with winds of 130mph, like Andrew, the scourge of southern Plorida in 1992.

Last year's first hurricane of lying and coastal areas."

The busy city of Miami Beach is little more than a long the season, Allison, was the ear-liest in recorded history, battering Florida in the first week

Once Arthur has been and gone, he will be followed by a female storm. Bertha. storm, Bertha, according to a pre-agreed alphabetic list of alternating men's and women's names. Next will be Cesar, then Dolly. Edouard, Fran, Gustav, Hortense, Isidore, Josephine, Kyle, Lili, Marco, Nana, Omar, Paloma. Rene. Sally, Teddy, Vicky and Wilfred. The letters Q, U, X, Y and Z are always left out. The names are meant to be 'politically correct," reflecting the cultural diversity of the eastern US and Caribbean.

(Tropical storms were all named after women for the quarter century until 1978, the height of the women's liberation movement, when US weatherpersons bowed to pressure and agreed to use alternating men's

After the second-worst storm season in history last year - with 19 tropical storms, 11 of which became hurricanes - meteorologists in the US and the Caribbean are bracing for another bad year. Some fear global warming and other climatological changes could produce more and stronger hurricanes and, with them, deadly tornadoes, wave surges and the flooding of highly popThe start of the annual hurricane season is a tense

A report by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) predicted that global warming would bring more powerful hurricanes, driving larger surges of water and raising the Atlantic Ocean by six inches over the next 30 years. That may not sound like much but it could prove catastrophic in low-lying US coastal areas where more and more people often elderly - are taking up

residence. "Global warming is real and is already having an effect," a geologist, Harold Wanless, told the Miami Herald newspaper.
We are at the beginning of a catastrophic revolution for low-

sandbar connected to mainland Miami by causeways. Yet, despite Florida's vulnerability and track record, authorities have serious problems convincing residents to prepare. In a recent poll, almost 60 per cent of Florida residents said they would not evacuate in the face of a major hurricane.

During evacuation warnings last year, surfers took to the waves and you could even see people trying, with some diffi-culty, to light barbecues on the

In the National Hurricane Centre, outside Miami on the edge of the famous Everglades swamps, some 80 meteorologists are preparing for the onslaught. Whatever happens, they are in the best place. The concrete, one-storey centre was built to withstand not only the worst hurricanes but even missiles. since it is designed to be a bunker and nerve centre in the event of any disaster. Inside is a generator and fuel and food supplies for its staff for 10 days.

When Arthur and successive storms approach, Dr Bob Burpee, the centre's director, will again become a familiar face in the US and, via CNN, around the world. Beside him will be a large-screen monitor showing an image of a cartwheeling blob in the Atlantic.

That image is relayed from

time for millions of Americans, writes Phil Davison

two geostationary satellites, John Pavone, the man in charge meaning they are in orbit at the of the "Storm Trackers". same speed and direction as the earth, so that their images appear to be taken from a stationary point. Back-up to the satellite im-

ages comes from the so-called "Storm Trackers," an intrepid group of US air force personnel and scientists who fly planes into hurricanes to get vital infor-mation. Crew members are strapped into special harnesses like motor racing drivers while the hurricane tosses their plane up, down and sideways.

"You get the crap kicked

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This season, the trackers

took possession of a new Gulfstream jet which will allow them to fly through the "bead" of hurricanes, typically at a height of around 40,000ft. Until now, the air force's converted WC-130 Hercules transport planes and the scientists' Orion turboprops have been able

to fly at only half that height. The higher view, say the experts, will allow them to improve by around 20 per cent the accuracy of their predictions as to where a hurricane will hit land. Such information can be vital going to meet your maker," said for saving lives.

Hurricane Eria slammed into the so-called panhandle area of northern Florida in early August with 85mph winds, killing 11 people.

Hurricane Felix terrorised Bermuda in mid-August before slamming into the barrier. islands off the US eastern seaboard, killing nine people and bady arother blaches. Hurricane his Alles when people in the assem Caribbean in late August.

Harricane Luis carried winds of up to 140mph in early September, causing widespreed destruction on Puerto Rico and the rest of the Caribbean. Hurricane Marilyn Devastated the US Vingin Islands in September, flattening 80 per cent of homes on St Thomas. Hurricane Opal battered Aexico in early October, killing 12 people. Then it suddenly veered north to kill dozens

more along the US Gutf coast.



Blown away: Destruction in the wake of the 130-mph Hurricane Andrew in Miami in 1992

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St Petersburg's mayor has lost power narrows (a a former deputy of his, Vladimir Yakovlev, in managed elections. Some political observers are interpreting the defeat of Anatoly Sobchak, an old Yeltsin ally, as a sign that opinion polls are underestimating anti-Yeltsin sentiment in the Russian population.

Mr Sobchak himself argued that the race was a trial for the presidential elections on 16 June. The setback comes as Mr Yeltsin's star appears to have been rapidly rising, at the expense of Germady Zyuganov, the leader of a Communist nationalist bloc. A new survey shows the incumbent has alarmingly high "negative" ratings: 39 per cent said they would not vote for him in any circumstances. Phil Reeves - Moscow

Czech politicians held talks with Vaclav Havel two elections ended. President Havel was facing an unexpected role as arbiter between the Prime Minister, the professed free marketeer, Vaclay Klaus, whose three-party centre-right coalition narrowly lost its majority in parliament, and the Social Democrats; headed by Milos Zeman. Adrian Bridge — Prague

The future of the world's cities went under the spotlight as more than 8,000 people gathered in Istanbul yesterday for the United Nations Habitat II conference. The two-week "City Summit" winds up a series of UN meetings since 1992 that have mapped out international action plans for the environment (in Prot international action plans for the environment (in Rio), population growth (Cairo) and the status of women Peking). States are divided on who will pay for programmes, whether housing is a human right, and whether developing nations are right to put growth shead of the environment. Hugh Pope - Islambal

A split in the Faeroe Islands government has made elections in the North Atlantic islands tikely, a government spokesman said. The Social Democrats, one of the leading parties in the 16-seat minority coalition, have quit the four-party government, reducing Liberal prime minister Edmund Joensen's support to 11 seats out of 32. Discussions were continuing on whether the government could carry on, the spokesman said. The Facroese government, comprising seven Liberals, five Social Democrats, two members of both the leftist Workers' Front and the Home Rule Party, came to power in September 1994, Renter - Copenhagen

Spain and Morocco are heading for a clash over the status of the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony that was the setting for a war between Morocco and the Polisario Front for much of the 1980s. Spon said.
yesterday that it was worried about a United Nations. fectsion to suspend voter registration in the Western Sahara. In a foreign ministry statement, Spain said it was concerned a 1991 ceasefire in the territory stight come under pressure, and it urged speedy resumption in Mantifying voters for a long delayed referending on its status. The UN. Security Council voted last week to suspend registration because of a continuing dispute between Morocco and the Polisario Front on who may roin. Reuter - Madrid

South Korea's finance world has been stranged by the arrest of the country's top fiscal watchdog with litters stock investors dumping shares over fears of another damaging corruption scandal. Paik Won-tu. 56. as arrested and detained on Sunday on charges of taking 110 milion won (£91 300) in bribes from 10 domestic companies between October 1994 and March this year. As director of the Securities Supervisory Board, he was responsible for ensuring fairness in listings trading securities hopiess and latestment trusts Reuter - Seoul

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Leon Garfield

Leon Garfield was one of the leading children's writers of his day, and a reteller and adapter of Shakespeare's plays. He described his aim as a novelist as being "to write that oldfashioned thing, the family novel, accessible to the 12-year-old and readable by his elders".

He was best known for a dozen or so novels of adventure set in an 18th-century London of his own idiosyncratic devising. He was the first winner of the Guardian Award for Children's Fiction with Devil-in-the-Fog (1966), won the Carnegie Medal with Edward Blishen for a retelling of the Greek myths, The God Beneath the Sea, in 1970, a Whitbread award in 1980 for John Diamond, and became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature in 1985.

Garfield was born in Brighton and went to Brighton Grammar School. He was briefly an art student before joining the Army and serving for five years of the Second World War. His army career, he wrote, was "distinguished by a steady adherence to the rank of private in the Medical Corps", and af- which great and small rogues

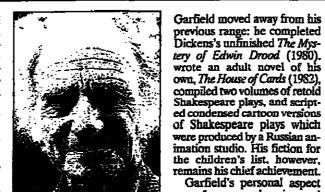
ter the war he became a technician in a hospital biochemistry department. His first published book, Jack Holbom, in 1964, was intended to be an adult novel, but a gifted editor. Grace Hogarth of Constable, saw its possibilities as a children's book and persuaded him to revise it.

Jack Holborn was an exotic story of murder, treachery, shipwreck and ultimate fortune in the best Stevensonian tradition, and it projected Garfield straight into the front rank of children's writers. His next few novels were mostly set in 18thcentury London and included. notably, Smith (1967), whose eponymous hero was a 12-yearold pickpocket, "a sooty spirit of the violent and ramshackle town [who] inhabited the tumbledown mazes about fat St Paul's . . . The most his thousand victims ever got of him was the powerful whiff of his pass-

dextrously emptied pockets." Garfield's London is a world in which quickness of hand, foot, eye and wit are more to be relied on than the rule of law; in are forever busy and the Devil is there to take the hindmost. It is in part the London of Hogarth and Fielding, and in part looks forward to that of Dickens, but in the main it is a construct of his own exuberant imagination: Garfield country. While he is essentially a Lon-

doner of letters, however, the novel which best displays a gift for comic writing is The Strange Affair of Adelaide Harris (1971), set in his home town of Brighton and featuring Dr Bunnion's Academy for the Sons of Gentlefolk and Merchants. Stylistically, his writing in these novels is as exhilarating as his plots; his images are extravagant but apt, his vocabulary is strongly coloured and he scatters similes like brilliant litter.

Later Garfield novels, from the mid-1970s onward, developed greater depth and increasingly became general rather than specifically "children's" fiction, though still appearing on the children's lists. The Pleasure Garden (1976), the ing and a cold draught in their cycle of stories called The Ap-prentices (1976-78) and The Confidence Man (1978) were



Garfield: master storyteller

concerned with religious issues and were much influenced by the Bible, which he declared to be a far richer source of inspiration than the Norse and Celtic mythologies then in vogue. The Pleasure Garden is set in a seedy commercial Eden into which murder intrudes: a kind of Paradise Lost. In The Confidence Man, a rogue and charlatan leads a band of persecuted people to their promised land; he is an unlikely saviour created by faith. From the 1980s onward,

John Rowe Townsend Leon Garfield and I were friends for about a quarter of a

for children.

and velvet jackets, and he

owned a succession of large and

overwhelmingly affectionate dogs. His wife, Vivien Alcock,

is an established writer of books

previous range: he completed

Shakespeare plays, and script-

We'd meet from time to time at for the sum of one million Il Fornello near Russell Square to exchange current pages and encourage each other over pizza della casa and beer. We talked about money, reviews and the lack of them, the decline of Western culture, as manifested by writers who got bigger advances than we did, and in any pauses he'd talk Shakespeare and I'd listen.

the children's list, however, He was a master storyteller: you could give him a page from the telephone directory and he'd weave a plot taking all of remains his chief achievement. Garfield's personal aspect was of warm, welcoming and the characters - each of them vividly realised - through a brilliantly talkative friendliness, and it was mystifying that as a writer he showed an underseries of exciting events to a satisfying resolution. standing of worldly duplicity far Supernatural stories are my removed from his own character. He had some traces of the dandy, with a liking for bow ties

favourite reading and I know of none more haunting than his The Ghost Downstairs, published in 1972. I don't think it's had the recognition it deserves, perhaps because it's more for adults than for children. In it Mr Dennis Fast, a solicitor's clerk bedevilled by envy, loneliness and dreams of wealth, does a deal with the mysterious Mr Fishbane who lives downstairs. century, writes Russell Hoban. Fast writes a contract in which,

pounds, he sells Fishbane seven years off the end of his life, stipulating cunningly in the small print (unread by Fishbane) that the seven years are to be deducted from the first end of his life, his childhood. From then on Fast is haunted by the ghost of himself as a child and drawn into a desperate pursuit, to the spectral accompaniment of a stick tapping a rusty rolling hoop, of his child-hood soul, "his dreams, yearn-

It is a story, like Leon Garfield, full of darkness, shifting lights and sly humour, not to be forgotten.

ings and the very springs of his

Some 30 years ago I wrote to Leon Garfield after reading a story of his that appeared in the same collection as one of my own, writes Helen Cresswell. Ho immediately telephoned (Leon never, to my knowledge, ever wrote a letter). Soon after that we met and our long friendship began, despite the hundred odd miles that divided us. We shared family holidays and later, as the children grew up. shorter breaks, when we went antique hunting. There was lots of whisky and lots of laughter. It was his practice, whenev-

er we met, for him to present me with the rough typescript of his work in progress. He would then sit me down with the obligatory Scotch and watch me read. At such times one felt privileged but unnerved.

Leon Garfield was hugely knowledgeable, ranging from opera to old movies and of course, Dickens and Shakepeare. But he carried his erudition lightly, and was incapable of writing, or uttering, a dull word. He was one of the funniest people I have ever known. as well as the most warmly

sympathetic and generous.

I think it was Molly Keane who said that she always divided people into radiators and drains. Leon was unequivocally, and triumphantly, a radiator.

Leon Garfield, writer; born Brighton 14 July 1921; FRSL 1985; married 1949 Vivien Alcock (one daughter); died London 2 June 1996.

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Margaret Rawlings

What became of the tragediennes who used to enthrall us in the Greeks, Shakespeare or Webster? Margaret Rawlings was probably the last, and somehow one of the loneliest. She made her own translation of Racine's Phèdre, and staged it, after disappointing herself in an earlier one. She was apt to erupt as Jocasta in Sophocles or as Helen in The Trojan Women. somewhat in the spirit of that other and even finer tragedienne, Sybil Thorndike - and, as

often as not, in the provinces. The English playgoer likes to keep his tragedies at a distance: Margaret Rawlings liked to come face to face with them. Anyone who saw such confrontations in the 1940s - Lady Macbeth, for example, to Alec Clunes's Macbeth, or Vittoria Corombona in The White Devil to Robert Helpmann's Flamineo, will have had a taste of her

Mind you, she had been other things than tragic. No actress can perpetuate tragedy throughout a stage career as long as hers - 1927-83 - without stooping. Consider her Salome (Gate Theatre, 1931) which set the town alight with turned to her and said: its dance of the seven veils.

e fainted as she danced. ports, of course, of Ninette de princess descended of so many Valois' choreography as well as royal kings." of the performance. It made her name. But Rawlings was not only in the name-making business. She also had dramatic ambition. That was obvious from the word go.

The daughter of a clergyman who ran an English school in Japan, she went to Oxford High School and Lady Margaret Hall, and did her training for the stage with a once-famous company which did nothing but tour the plays of Bernard Shaw.

Rawlings also toured Cana-da and the United States with Maurice Colbourne's largely Shavian company; and after a success on Broadway in a play abut the Irish leader Parnell she came back to the Gate as its star - Katie O'Shea. It may not have been much of a play, but Rawlings "forced some red blood into the play's white arteries" and a transfer to the West End (New, now Albery, 1936) èstablished her.

Meanwhile, though, she had caught the town's fancy as Charmian in a disastrous West End revival of Antony and Cleopatra. Inadvertently, of course. The Cleopatra was Eugenia Leontovich, the Russo-American star of Tovarich, at dramatic sea as Cleopatra because of her garbled English. No one joked about Rawi-

ings, however. When Cleopatra at last expired, a palace guard "Charmian, is this well done?" in a sonorous voice, kawings

Whereat the long-suffering audience suddenly realised how much more fitting Rawlings would have been as Cleopatra. As James Agate put it: "The

mian was that she refrained from wiping Cleopatra off the stage until she was dead."

Rawlings never played Cleopatra, but she did play Lady Macbeth for the Oxford University Dramatic Society it was the fashion then for West End actresses to act occasionally for the Ouds - and Helen in Euripides' The Trojan Women (Adelphi, 1937), which Lewis Casson revived for his wife Sybil Thorndike (as Hecuba) and daughter Ann Casson (as

Rawlings was in her element. She was also in love with Charles Morgan, the novelist and chief drama critic of the Times who wrote his first play for her, The Flashing Stream (Lyric, 1939). It was a typically highbrow study of platonic passion between two mathematicians working on a secret new flying torpedo to save England from aerial attack - and work must come before sex.

The play was a success and transferred to Broadway. Rawlings was praised on all sides for her emotional and spiritual integrity. The dramatic point was that the couple were not cold by nature but passionate and sexually experienced (and the point Has there been anything as spoke with some authority: "It and his leading lady were in love erotic since? I speak from re- is well done, and fitting for a and that that year Rawlings and her first husband, the actor Gabriel Toyne, divorced).

Already busy, Rawlings found herself more in demand than ever, if not for tragedy then for comedy (Pygmalion, A. House in the Square, Gielgud's cleverest thing about her Char-revival of Dear Brutus, Gwen-

dolen in The Importance of Being Earnest). Then came her wartime mar-

riage to Sir Robert Barlow of Metal Box, and several chances to return to tragic vein. Although she seemed strangely ill at ease at Covent Garden as Titania in Purcell's masque The Fairy Queen (1946), her Vittoria Corombona to Robert Helpmann's Flamineo in The White Devil was unforgettable. In the great trial scene she cut

a striking figure on the small stage of the Duchess Theatre her ivory skin and flowing black hair like ivory starred with jet. The young Kenneth Tynan decided it was the most tragic acting he had seen in a woman - though he had seen Peggy Ashcroft's Duchess of Malfi a few seasons earlier.

She is foud, demonstratively plangent and convincingly voluptuous: a plump, pallid nymphomaniac. And such control! In the great trial scene such controll in the great that some she eschewed pathos and gave us in its stead anger, mettlesome and im-petuous. A stalwart piece of thetoric and beautifully spoken.

Michael Redgrave used to say that the history of the British stage was the history of first nights when all actors are judged and some (like Redgrave) seldom at their best. It is so with Rawling Three years later Alec

Clunes's Macbeth at the Arts Theatre did not create a sensation: but when one critic, Andrey Williamson, saw the production at the end of its three-week run it was different,

staging of Tamburlaine the Great, with Donald Wolfit in the title-role, Rawlings became aware of Wolfit's little upstaging tricks, if he happened not to be in the limelight. Exasperated, she told him: "Donald, if you do that again I shall rattle my chains all through your long

Rawlings kept on acting for another 30 years - in Shakespeare (Gertrude in Hamlet), Shaw (Lysistrata to Noël Coward's King Magnus), Ibsen (John Gabriel Borkman), Chekhov (Uncle Vanya) and Wilde (Lord Arthur Saville's Crime) and in the cinema and on

But Racine's Phèdre was probably her favourite role. She made a translation of it for herself which I saw on the first night at Oxford Playhouse (1968) with Michael Gough as Theseus. Now I wish I had returned later in the run.

In the 1970s she undertook at the age of 72 the long solo part of Empress Eugenie (May-fair and Vaudeville, Cologne, Pitlochry, Charleston ...), a onewoman show about the extravagant wife of Emperor Napoleon III of France, a performance rich in variety of moodhumour.

Adam Benedick

Margaret Rawlings, actress: born Osaka, Japan 5 June 1906; married 1927 Gabriel Toyne (marriage dissolved 1938), 1942 Robert especially Rawlings as Lady M. Barlow (Kt 1943, died 1976; one As the enslaved Zabrina in daughter); died Wendover, Tyrone Guthrie's 1951 Old Vic Buckinghamshire 19 May 1996.



Rawlings as Bianca Capello in Clifford Bax's The Venetian, 1931

Photograph: Hulton Getty

Cliff Holton

Only four men since the Second World War have scored more goals in English League football than Cliff Holton, though the big, burly Oxonian never scaled the giddy heights predicted for him as a young Arsenal star

during the early 1950s. In mid-decade, as he stood on the threshold of his prime, he suffered a plateau in his development which saw him converted into a half-back, then dispatched to the lower divisions for the remainder of his career. However, his response was both spirited and emphatic: return-

ing to his striking role, he contributed a further doublecentury of strikes over the subsequent nine years, becoming a cult hero at several clubs in the

Surprisingly, Holton had begun his football life as a defender, serving Isthmian League Oxford City as a fullback before joining Arsenal in 1947. It was not until 1950, after National Service in the Army, that he was switched to centre-forward and he earned a place in the Gunners' senior side in the spring of 1951. Im-

posing, strong and far quicker than was suggested by a rather ungainly, loping gait, Holton adopted a rampaging style which unsettled opponents. He wasn't a bad passer either, but he was most famous for his thunderous power of shot in either foot, which accounted for many of his goals.
This enviable catalogue of at-

tributes brought encouraging progress in 1951/52, though he disappointed at Wembley as an injury-riven Arsenal lost the FA Cup Final to Newcastle. The following campaign ended in

death by a horse at the Derby 1913;

glory, though, Holton's 19 goals in 21 outings helping to secure the League Championship, and the promising 24-year-old was spoken of as an England international of the future.

Alas that was not to be. Thereafter the Gunners began to labour and in 1954/55 Holton lost his berth to the ageing Tommy Lawton. A year later, having been switched to left-half. Holton was restored to the side and became captain for a spell. But despite doughty service in various roles, he was judged surplus to requirements

as the new manager George Swindin sought to revamp a lackiustre team. Holton was sold to Watford for £9,000 in

October 1958. He was 29 by then and many believed that his best days were hehind him. In fact, he was about to enter his most productive period. After taking a little time to settle at Vicarage Road, he became one of the most revered figures in the Hornets' history, netting a club record for one term of 48 League and FA Cup goals as he skippered them to promotion

Lord Lloyd of Berwick)

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from the Fourth Division in

When he left for Northampton in 1961 - Watford reckoned he was spending too much time on business interests - there were protest petitions from outraged fans, whose judgement was soon borne out. Inst five hours after joining the Cobblers on a Saturday morning, Holton had scored a hat trick for his new employers. Watford then struggled unexpectedly for the rest of the season. Later, Holton's goals

Crystal Palace gain promotions. and he went on to net regularly in a second spell at Watford in 1965 / 66, then for Charlton Athletic in 1966 and for Orient

in 1966/67, before a gammy knee forced retirement in 1967. A forthright and articulate in-dividual, Holton seemed ideal soccer management material but he preferred instead to concentrate on a precision engineering business, which he ran until 1989 before working part-

helped both Northampton and League goals in 570 appear- died 30 May 1996.

ances has been bettered by only Arthur Rowley, Jimmy Greaves, John Aiveo and John Aldridge since the war. And but for his infuriating mid-Fifties blip, that select list surely would

have been significantly shorter. Ivan Ponting

Clifford Charles Holton, foot-baller: born Oxford 29 April 1929; played for Arsenal 1947-58, ** Watford 1958-61, 1965-66, Northampton Town 1961-62, Crystal Palace 1962-65, Charlton time in sports marketing. Crystal Palace 1962-65. Charlton Cliff Holton's tally of 293 Athletic 1966, Orient 1966-67;

Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

BIRTHS

TOOGOOD: On I June, in Singapore, to Katharine (née Chetwynd) and Michael, a son, William Richard

DEATHS

MOSS: On Sunday 2 June, Dom Bernard Moss, monk of Worth Abbey, aged 68. Funeral at Worth Abbey, Friday 7 June at 3pm.

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Birthdays

General Sir Cecil Blacker, former president, British Equestrian Fed-eration, 80; Mr Bob Champion. trainer and former jockey, 48; Air Vice-Marshal George Chesworth, Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire, 67; Sir Christopher Cockerell, inventor of the hovercraft, 86; Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere, Chief of Fleet Sup-port, 58; Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening, former Master of Her Majesty's Household, 68: Mr Allen Majesty's Household, oc. Mr Allen Greenwood, former deputy chair-man, British Aerospace, 79: The Earl of Halsbury, Chancellor, Brunel University, 88: Miss Andrea Jaeger, tennis player, 31; Vice-Admiral Sir John Lea, 73; Mr David Lyon, chief executive, Rexam, 60; Mr Geoffrey Palmer, actor, 69; Sir John Sparrow, chairman, Horserace Betting Levy Board, 63; Mr Daniel Topolski, writer, photographer and coach, 51; Mr Dennis Weaver, actor, 72; Professor John West, former Vice-Chancellor, Bradford University, 74.

Anniversaries

Births: George III, King. 1738: John Scott, first Earl of Eldon, Lord High Chancellor of England, 1751; Sir James Pennethorne, architect, 1801; Garnet Joseph, first Viscount Wolse ley, soldier, 1833; Josef Sittard. writer on music, 1846; Julius Janssen conductor and composer, 1852; Nassau William Senior, economist, 1864; Gustavus Karl Mannerheim, soldier and statesman, 1867. Deaths: Giovanni Jacopo Casanova, adventurer and writer, 1798; Nicolai Abraham Abildgaard, painter, 1809; William Edward Frost, painter, 1877; Eugen Adam, painter, 1880; Emily Wilding Davidson, suffragette, trampled to

William Halse Rivers Rivers, psy-chologist and anthropologist, 1922; Frederick Robert Spofforth, crick-eter, 1926; Ibn Ali Hussein, King of the Hejaz, 1931; Wilhelm II, former Emperor of Germany, 1941; Georg Kaiser, playwright, 1945; Serge Koussevitsky, conductor, 1951; Dorothy Gish (de Guiche), actress, 1968; (Horace Greeley) Hjalmar Schacht, Nazi minister, 1970, György Lukacs, philosopher, 1971. On this day: Frederick the Great defeated the Austrians and Saxons in the Battle of Hohenfriedberg, Silesia, 1745; Mme Thible, an open singer, was the first woman to fly in a hot-air balloon. 1784; Leopold, Duke of Kendal (Georges Chrétien Frédéric), was proclaimed first King of the Belgians, 1831; war broke out between Mexico and the United States, 1845; the French defeated the Austrians at the Battle of Magenta, 1859; the Order of the British Empire was instituted, 1917: the British evacuation from Dunkirk was completed, 1940; Rome was liberated by the Allies, 1944; Tonga became independent, 1970. Today is the Feast Day of St Francis Caracciolo, St Metrophanes, St Optatus of Milevis, St Petroc, St Quirinus of Sis-

cia and St Vincentia Gerosa.

Lectures National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "El Greco (i): El Greco and Picusso", lpm.

History: nostalgia and modernity at the end of the century", 6.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Susan Morris, "Jewellery in Portraits 1500-1700". 1.10pm. Leicester University: Professor De-nis Noble, "Medical Research: the

challenge of integration", 5.15pm.

Royal Geographical Society The Annual General Meeting of the

Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) was held yesterday evening at the So-ciety's headquarters, London SW7. Lord Jellicoe, President, presented the following medals and awards:

the following medals and awards:
Founder's Medal: Professor John Woods
(Imperial College, London). Patron's Medal:
Professor John Thomes (King's College London). Victoria Medal: Professor Romaid Abler
(Association of American Geographers).
Busk Medal: Professor Alexey Yablokov
(Russian National Security Council). Cherry
Keaton Medal and Award: Alastiar Fothergial
(Head of the BBC Natural History Unit). Murchison Award: Professor A. Dodgson
(University College Wales). Back Award: Dr.
Rory Walsh (University of Wales, Swanges).
Cuthbert Peek Award: Professor J. Duncan
(University of Syracuse, New York). Gill
Memorial Award: Professor Philip Rees
(Leeth University). Ness Award: Magor Alastair Rogers (Royal Marines). Edward Heath
Award: Professor David Dralnikis Smith (Liverpool University). Geographical Award: erpool University). Geographical Award Tate and Lyle. Alfred Steens Dissentation Prize Anna Mallett (Durham University) and Adri on Manning (Edinburgh University).

Victoria and Albert Museum: Liz
Wilkinson, "Contemporary Korean
Ceramics", 2.30pm.
Tate Gallery: Markene Dumas talks
about her work.
RIBA Architecture Centre, London
W1: Tony Vidler, "Architecture after

No political asylum for Algerian terrorist

Home Department; House of Lords (Lord Keith of Kinke), Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord ... political opinion". He be-Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley and

For a crime such as the terrorist bombing of an airport to be categorised as a "political offence", so as to enable one of its perpetrators to avoid dis-qualification for political asy-lum, it must be shown not person died

The 1951 Convention provided by article 1F that its political crime".

with the Court of Appeal that it was inappropriate to characterise indiscriminate bombings which led to the deaths of innocent people as political crimes. Giving the judgment of the court, Lord Justice Glidewell had said:

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longed to a banned political organisation in Algeria called the Islamic Salvation Front or FIS (Front Islamique du Salut) and had been involved in the bombing of an airport in which 10 people died and an attack on an army base in which one

protection "shall not apply to any person with respect to whom there are serious reasons for considering that ... (b) he has committed a serious non-Nicholas Blake QC and Richard

Scannell (Jane Coker & Ptrs) for T; David Pannick QC and Neil Gamham (Treasury Solicitor) for the respondents. Lord Lloyd said he agreed

"threatened on account of his In our judgment the airport bomb-

ing in particular was an atrocious act, grossly out of proportion to any gen-ume political objective. There was simply no sufficiently close or direct causal link between it and the ap-

pellant's alleged political purpose.
It offended common sense to
suppose that FIS's cause of supplanting the Government could be
directly advanced by such an offence. There was no English authority on the meaning of "non-political crime" in the Convention, but it was common ground that the words must

bear the same meaning as they did in extradition law. His Lordship referred in particular to Lord Diplock's discussion of the word "political" in R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, ex parte Cheng [1973] AC 931 at 945. A crime would only be regarded as political if the relationship between the act and the

effect on the Government was

sufficiently close. Another important source, though not having the force of law, was the United Nations Handbook on Procedures and Criteria for Determining Refugee Status. Paragraph 151

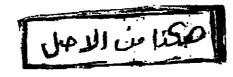
In determining whether an offence is "non-political" or is, on the con-trary, a "political" crime, regard should be given in the first place to is nature and purpose, i.e. whether it has been committed out of gen-ume political motives and not merely for personal reasons or gain. There should also be a close and di-rect causal link between the crime committed and its alleged political

Taking the various sources of law into account one could arrive at the following definition. A crime was a political crime for the purposes of article 1F(b) of the Convention if, and only if:

 it was committed for a political purpose, i.e. with the object of overthrowing or subverting or changing the government of a state or inducing it to change its policy; and 2) there was a sufficiently close and direct link between the crime and the

alleged pulitical purpose. While it was clear that FIS was a political organisation and that T's motive in becoming involved in the airport bombing was to overthrow the Government, the crime as carried out was almost bound to involve the indiscriminate killing of members of the public. The link between the crime and the

political object was too remote. Paul Magrath, Barrister



for asylum.

the leader page

A reminder that it's tough at the bottom

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is not just the country's inteers would queue up to work for it. into housing and social conditions. Its endowment comes from a businessman who saw no disparity - why should he? - between making chocolate profitably and actively pursuing an ethic of social concern. Right-wingers typically and mistakenly criticise the foundation for pursuing difficult (ie, politically controversial) subjects, such as poverty. It is bound by Joseph Rowntree's trust deeds saying his money was to be put to use not to relieve distress directly but, as he put it, to seek out the causes of social evil.

Edwardians were unafraid to use that term to describe poverty. We find it too strong. Poverty nowadays has become technical - a mass of complicated social security arrangements. It abounds with relative judgements - is possessing what was once a luxury, such as a video, now a necessity? (There is a strong case for saying it is.) We have all bought wholesale into individualism. We may no longer believe Protestant religion but still love its notion of desert. Who is going to put money in a tin for "the poor" without asking in detail about the moral quality let alone the smoking and drinking habits of those who get it?

The decline of the Child Poverty Action Group is illustrative. A generation ago television producers would

foremost sponsor of research Nowadays it is an obscure interest group. Poverty is out of sight, out of mind.

There are all sorts of reasons why. Latterly many haves have felt squeezed and insecure. The sound of middleclass complaint has filled the air. We are all sufferers now. Of course that's not true. A big Joseph Rowntree Foundation study last year showed the trend towards greater inequality in the distribution of income that has been rolling since the early 1980s. There is no reason to believe it has suddenly come to a halt.

The poor themselves stay quiet. The great fear of the political class in 19th-century and early 20th-century Britain, that the poor would rise up out of their rookeries and back-ends and march up the Strand, has no endof-century resonance. "It took a riot," wrote Michael Heseltine in 1981, but what he concluded (rightly) was that special action was needed on Merseyside and in the cities, not in the bowels of an ever more complex social security empire. None of the urban disturbances of the past 15 years has raised the stakes to make poverty a social and political question in the way they have focused concern about more specific, less abstract questions estates, policing, drugs and, to a limited extent, employment and training.



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healthy to be reminded that a large body of British citizens live on amounts some of the rest of us would consider loose change. All credit to Michael Grade and Channel 4 for opening their schedules for a series of programmes about the poor, pegged to today's JRF report. (Mr Grade will doubtless, once again, be attacked by the Daily Mail; he should flick his cigar ash and keep up the good work.)

And yet there is a paradox here. Both the report and the programmes are intent on dispelling the idea that the poor are deviant. Their values are the

In such a context it can only be same as ours; they are the same as us, except for money. Poor people cope heroically. They box and cox, shop carefully, manage debt in ways that would leave the credit card-holding majority breathless. This kills a stereotype but plays havoc with the politics. If the poor cope as well as they do, why worry?

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We evidently don't. There is no possibility - in the foreseeable political future - of any major act of income redistribution along the lines, say, of relinking income support with earnings rather than prices, or pushing income support up by some amount (£15?) that

version to egalitarianism. There is equally no possibility of "policies to end mass unemployment" as the report coyly calls them - this is indeed a report bereft of macroeconomic reality.

Which does not imply fatalism of the poor-are-always-with-us sort (It is amazing how many people can remem-ber that bit of Christian scripture when so few other relevant verses lodge in their brains.) What it does mean is that policy can only be developed on behalf of specific groups, where the public can be convinced that transfers between the haves and the have-nots are well spent. not across some broad anti-poverty front. (Of course policies for poverty are not all about money, as the JRF report makes clear. For example, the privatised utilities have too often proven themselves stiff-necked and downright mean about consumer debt and cut-offs; they could afford to be a little more generous without offending shareholders.)

"Poverty", "low income", "social exclusion" - whatever the euphemism - they are not going to move politi-cal mountains any longer. What is needed is argument in detail. Universalism is indeed dead. Programmes and policies have to be targeted. For example on lone mothers, many of whom are poor. By chance the Joseph would make the life of the poor more Rowntree Foundation has just pro-

comfortable. No possibility, that is, duced new research showing - a tribshort of moral revolution or mass conative to other countries, are benefits paid to mothers who get jobs. Yet the proportion of lone mothers who work is oddly low. The problem is child care. There would, prima facie, be large benefits from expanding public or voluntary or voucher-backed private provision of childcare places. Fewer women and children would be poor. And that is good for them, good for business, and good for us.

Dog days for the posties

Barbara Woodhouse, the Post Office needs you. The "dog daz-ers" - mini stun guns - issued to postmen don't work. Every year some 6,000 of them get bitten - knocking £2m off the Royal Mail's mounting profits.
The Communication Workers Union wants new laws. But the statute books are already groaning with anti-camine legislation, most of it ineffective. The posties could try direct action. Gangs of them could hide while their mate braves the garden path then rush out and assault the beast with their sacks. Better still, stuff the householder's mail into the creature's jaws and let it bite and chew to its doggy heart's content.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Democracy in a confederal Europe Sir: Politicians are always calling for a great national debate on the future of Europe. Yesterday the

Independent started one ("Britain and Europe: a proposal", 3 June), but as a debate is nothing without dissent, in that spirit I would make two observations.

First, your grounds for rejecting EMU - with all the benefits you admit it could bring - are unnecessarily defeatist.

Certainly, European monetary union will place restrictions on the monetary freedom of member states; it would not work if it didn't. Equally plainly, therefore, it must only go ahead with the consent of the public at large. That consent can be ascertained through a referendum. Uniquely. among the three main political parties, the Lib Dems have long supported a referendum on any major package of constitutional change proposed for Europe. Given a "ves" vote in such a referendum, there is no reason why EMU could not proceed.

Second, the Independent rightly identifies Europe's democratic deficit as its key failing, but then proposes a solution that would only make it worse. The heart of that democratic failure lies in the unaccountable Council of Ministers - the very body the Independent suggests should be strengthened.

To imagine, as you do, that this will boost national parliaments is simply bizarre. The Council of Ministers has always drawn its British members from the Cabinet, but this has done nothing to enhance the status or effectiveness of Parliament as a whole. Rather the reverse - as power has drained a way from Westminster, MPs have become ever more spineless in their ability to hold ministers to account. Giving yet more power to the Council of Ministers would only exacerbate that problem. It would mark a further shift away from democratic rule towards the rule by "experts" that you so rightly decry. GRAHAM WATSON MEP (Somerses and North Devon,

Sir: Your article on Europe is intelligent, cool and eloquent, and so out of tune with the times. It was pleasant to turn to it after scanning my mailbag, which included the unsigned letter: "Are you the son of Chamberlain? WHY DON'T YOU JUST PISS OFF?" Yet a good 50 per cent of these letters evidently share your view that the feelings driving our Europhobes are "immature and dangerous, a loser's emotion". and feel humiliated accordingly. So there is still an audience

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for reason. Like you, I believe that Europe has over-extended itself and should be reined back over time. that the Common Agricultural olicy must be reformed, that nuch social policy should be repatriated, and that unification through a single currency is a dangerously theoretical construct: in practice it would

widen the cracks. It was especially good to read some grown-up, original thinking after the sophomore lecturettes that are increasingly a feature of Times leaders. One reason for the



British reserve

are trapped, that Europe is dragging us along in a direction we do not want to go, but that there is no real option of baling out. Your use of the word "confederacy" will, of course, be jumped on and dumped on. Whatever it is, we need a looser arrangement with Europe, as do other Europeans, in the interests of Europe. We will not convince them through tantrums, but by positive thinking. GEORGE WALDEN MP (Buckingham, C) House of Commons London SWI

Sir: Your leading article has to be welcomed, given the current Europhobia emanating from most of the British press. It should also be welcomed because it breaks through the sterile choice between "Europe as free-trade area" and "Federal Europe". I have never believed that the federal models of the US or Germany could simply be transplanted to the complex collection of differing languages, histories and political systems that make up today's European Union. Nor can Europe

simply be a free-trade area loosely governed by a European version of the World Trade Organisation. The European Union is a unique body. Your essay recognises this point. However, I would like to

address two points. You argue for the democratic renewal of the EU by redefining the powers of the European Commission (which I welcome), strengthening the role of the Council and freezing the influence of the European Parliament. However, this would not achieve the democratic renewal you seek. Unless all national parliaments

have the same powers to scrutinise and control their ministers' actions in Council (which they clearly do not) then centralising

decision-making in the Council

will only make it even more of an unaccountable body than it already is. Similarly, national parliaments will, quite rightly. only judge the actions of their ministers in the context of domestic politics. Instead, the powers of the European Parliament, as the only body capable of holding the Council accountable at a European level and the only body democratically elected at a European level,

should be increased. Second, you argue that social policy should not be a core function of the EU. But just as Britain is bound to Europe historically, culturally and economically, so is she bound by the common experiences of the labour and trade-union movements. Out of these arose a unique social model in the form of the welfare state and social partnership that has allowed Western European societies to enjoy unparalleled wealth and social cohesion. Now all European societies are experiencing the same threats to this social model. Instead of divesting the European Union of its powers in the social field, we should be using the common experience to find common solutions for a new form of welfare politics in the 21st century. I hope your essay has signalled

the first step in the fight back for

rational debate and argument over the politics of European union. NICHOLAS CROOK

Sir: May I congratulate you on yesterday's coverage of European issues? It is the most important contribution made by a newspaper to our national political life since the Guardian's coverage of Suez. The courage and the importance are equal, the intellectual standard is higher.

Earl RUSSELL House of Lords London SW1

Musical memory from 1832

Sir: Here is another long memory, further to David Ashton's letter (22 May).

In the late Sixties, I played amateur chamber music with Robert Platt, later Lord Platt, retired president of the Royal College of Physicians, who was also no mean cellist. He liked to tell the story that, as a boy in short trousers, he was taken to hear Mischa Elmann, then a child prodigy, play a violin concerto in the Queen's Hall. He was seated next to a very old gentleman, who said to him: What marvellous playing - the best I have heard since Paganini!"

Paganini died in 1840, but the last

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time he played in England was

in 1832. RONALD FERRARI Trinity College Cambridge

Why Israel elected Bibi

Sir: Patrick Cockburn's observation ("The irresistible rise of Bibi", 31 May) that "it was the black-hatted ultra-Orthodox Jews who flocked to the polls this week to give [Binyamin Netanyahu] victory" is a caricature that obscures more than it elucidates.

supporters there were certainly many secular, left-wing Israelis who could no more vote for Shimon Peres as the successor to Yitzhak Rabin than their American counterparts a generation earlier could regard George McGovern as the natural heir to the liberalism of Kennedy. Johnson and Humphrey. In both cases, the peace policy of the left's candidate had come to conflict

Among Mr Netanyahu's

with the reasonable security needs of a democratic state. Any "peace process" worthy of the name has to recognise the limits, as well as the role, of diplomacy. If Mr Netanyahu's success convinces the Palestinian authorities that any further Israeli concessions will be contingent on their cracking down on Hamas and Islamic Jihad - and ceasing to refer to the bombers of buses as "martyrs" - the cause of peace will have been well served. OLIVER KAMM

Bath, Avon Sir: Your excellent leading article on Mr Netanyahu's victory (1 June) was marred by its grandiose reference to "two peoples whose destinies have intertwined for thousands of years". The word "destinies" is so question-begging as to be an absolute damper on rational discussion. In the vast majority of cases the present Jewish population of Israel can at most claim a grandparent who lived side by side with the Arabs of Palestine. Moreover, who can tell whether, across the flux of millennia, those Arabs are the same "people" as the ancient inhabitants of the land? BERNARD NOBLE

LOTTERY RAGE

Dr Who formula Sir: I disagree entirely with Kim

Newman's notion ("Dr Who has been exterminated", 29 May) that "proper" Dr Who ended after the first 15 years. What he fails to acknowledge is that the format of the series is so flexible that it is far more than just a "horror show with a sci-fi rationale". What marked it out as different from any other sci-fi was the fact that it could go anywhere and be anything. Even in the Hartnell era the format was always surprisingly varied from week to week. Thus we can have a straightforward tale of monsters invading the Earth one week and have historical costume drama the next, a horror story, a psychological thriller or a James Bond-style action plot. To say that the show's appeal rests entirely with Daleks, Cybermen and so on is a misunderstanding of what it means. And please don't forget that some of us really liked the Eighties incarnations of the Doctor.

ALEX GOLDFINCH Bath, Avon

No time for the basics in school

Sir: David Blunkett ("Labour goes back to basics on teaching", 30 May) appears to be saying the right words at the moment. However, for too long primary education has suffered from well-meaning cries of back (I prefer forward) to basics and no changes in legislation to follow We still suffer from a National

Curriculum - despite the Dearing review - that insists that we teach 10 subjects, albeit giving English, maths and science emphasis, and are inspected on that basis, I can imagine the outcry from Ofsted if a school said: "Sorry, we do not have time to teach music because we are concentrating on the basics." We need a dialogue between politicians, Ofsted, head teachers and teachers to balance what is important and what can be left to individual teachers. 1 suspect that there would be far more agreement than we think. PETER BRINTON Head Teacher, Redruth, Cornwall

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Sir: The National Association of Head Teachers waxes lyrical that schools must uphold moral values ("Schools' contracts 'need legal backing' ", 28 May).

However, they complain about narents who act entirely within the law by challenging detentions and exclusions. From previous reports they might have learned that the reason is perhaps bullying by one of those 15,000 teachers the Chief Inspector of Schools considers incompetent. We read that teachers are prepared to ask governers to break the law to subvert league tables for 11-yearolds. Is this teaching moral standards by example?

We may soon conclude that much of the immorality in adults stems from teachers who view behavioural difficulties as an irritant for themselves rather than as disability for their pupils. Dr CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS University of Cambridge

Welsh warning

Sir: In reporting Rod Richards's resignation (3 June), you quote David Evans, ex-parliamentary private secretary of the Welsh Office, as saying: "People who accept high office... wear an England shirt."

This says much about Tory misrule of Wales. Mr Richards's private life is of little import compared with the imposition by this government of four successive Secretaries of State for Wales who hail from England, Perhaps Mr Evans is advocating the infamous Tebbit test of sporting allegiance. We await the sporting colours worn by Mr Richards's replacement with interest. STEPHEN THOMAS Secretary Plaid Cymru London Branch

Monroe doctrine

Sir: In looking at the "cult of thinness", Rebecca Fowler (1 June) repeats the myth that Marilyn Monroe was a "size 16". A person who should know, her dress designer and sometime lover Billy Travilla, said that her true figure was 35-22-35. Travilla used to tell her that the dresses she chose were too tight, but they obviously did wonders for people's perceptions of her figure. STEPHEN DORRIL Holmfirth, West Yorkshire

immature emotion is fear that we

Seven years after Tiananmen no one mentions the massacre. Fear of chaos rules.

Steve Crawshaw, who saw Communism collapse in Europe, considers its fate in China

t is that time of year, again. The goons are gathering once more on Peace in Peking - ready to pounce on any brave and hapless fool who might seek to commemorate the Tiananmen massacre that took place seven years ago today, when hundreds or thousands were killed (even now, nobody knows exactly how many), for daring to suggest that China's repressive regime should change. As in past years, there will probably be few great dramas on the day itself. The plainclothes loiterers will pounce instantly on any tiny flicker of unrest. And then it will (almost) all he over for another year. A few more arrests, a few more releases. In short: business as usual.

In some respects the Chinese authorities can be pleased. Seven years after this officially sanctioned bout of mass murder, the country is not about to explode. Meanwhile, China has been economically transformed in only a few years. In contrast to chaotic Russia, changes have brought a sharp rise in living standards. Huge areas still suffer from devastating poverty, but there is a things are changing for the better. Which, in the purely economic sense, is true. Certainly, the transformation of southern China, the boom region, is a sight to behold. The "special economic zone" of Shenzhen has become a mini-Hong Kong. "Fifteen years ago, this was just rice fields," says a Chinese entrepreneur, as we wander in dazed wonderment amongst the mir-ror-glass skyscrapers. Here, the world of Maoism has turned upside down.

Portraits of the shrunken but still-powerful Communist emperor, Deng Xiaoping scarcely seen in public nowadays, and perhaps more dead than alive - hang in the centre of Shenzhen and in Canton, the regional capital, as a reminder few years ago, and of the The official view is that a kind patronage for the new market famous visit implied.

nomic changes have continued apace. Shanghai, the country's financial capital, radiates a sense of self-belief. New skyscrapers spring up, as the Chinese saying has it, like bamboo shoots after spring rain. Nor is it only the obvious places that are booming. Go to Wuhan in central China, not usually thought of as an economic powerhouse, and the signs of transformation are all there, too -

economic revolution, on the more building sites, more shopping malls, more skyscrapers. one hand, and political stagnation, on the other. Admittedly, The excitement about China's as one China-watcher notes, latest great leap forward is understandable. And yet there The Chinese find it easier to is no certainty that the economy live with contradictions than will continue to grow at the remarkable rates of the past few others do," None the less, the

years, when annual growth of 10 per cent has come to seem norpuppet, is still ensconced in his mal. Sooner or later, the government must face the problem giant mausoleum in Tiananmen of what to do about dismantling Square; his solemn portrait still its giant state enterprises, which hangs at the north end of the still weigh down the economy. square. Odd, but logical. If the authorities start dissecting the legacy of Mao, then everything of welfare fund can be created the newly affluent China, else could unravel, too. Hence which will cushion the blow when closures finally become recent 30th anniversary of the necessary. Everybody will then Cultural Revolution, when live happily over after. Most destruction became a political imperative. Impossible to economists believe that this is praise, impossible to condemn what it sounds like: a cute fairytale. Thus, the government which already faces scattered outbursts of labour unrest -

painful economic change is difficult to impose. events of Tiananmen do not top At the heart of the problem is the asymmetry between the the current agenda. Even in pri-

vate, former protesters talk of that period as a closed chapter. Partly, that is because of well grounded fear those who launched petitions in the leadup to yesterday's anniversary were promptly arrested. Partly imbalance is clear. it is because the brave new A rubbery Mao, less real-looking than a Spitting Image world of business offers opportunities for the well-educated to become prosperous, and thus

bury the past. Partly it is a waiting game. Chinese officials justify the suppression of discussion in two ways. First, "People do not want to talk about this, nowadays." Partly true. But this is the silence that surrounded the often backed up, by a second, contradictory "Everybody would argue about it too much. That would not be good for the country. And there lies the rub. The Chinese warn constantly of the

easier just to forget it. This failure to discuss the past is inti-mately bound up with the danger of luan, or turnoil. The popular fear of luan is often quoted as a reason why nothing will ever stir. And yet the offiunhealed wounds of Tiananmen Square. For students, let alone for cial acknowledgement of the ordinary Chinese, the traumatic underlying restlessness - if the floodgates were opened tomor-

row, then millions would be discussing Tiananmen and heaven knows where it would all end is a reminder that everything might yet change. The Chinese authorities hope that the memories of Tiananmen will gradually fade like a forgotten scar. And yet a failure to address the past can itself be a recipe for

In the Soviet Union, glasnost without perestroika proved a spectacular failure. By 1991 Russians had almost complete freedom of speech but the Communist economic system was scarcely shaken or stirred. It was a recipe for disaster. In China it is still unclear whether the reverse combination, pere-

stroika without glasnost (copyright-holder: Deng Xiaoping), can work any better, in enabling a totalitarian regime to survive.

Already the paradoxes are clear. One can sit in a Chinese factory listening to the director waxing lyrical about exportoriented production, the fabulous relationship with foreign partners, the joys of the market economy. And then you notice the Communist slogans on the

showed more interest in beer, sausages, and a nice apartment wall. Oh yes, says the factory director (and party cadre), the Communist Party is very than in reversing the legacy of the tanks. Conventional wisdom had it that they would never important" for the factory's rebel again. Then, in August

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Apathy, too, is a curious beast.

wound still festers. After the

Soviet invasion of Czechoslova-

kia in 1968, people were numbed for 20 years. Dissidents such as

Vaclav Havel were isolated and

even reviled, as most Czechs

work. Ask if the Communists 1988, a few thousand Czechs

Comparisons are always

lost their nerve: they realised that the threat of force had made Germans, not best known for their rebellious qualities, staged a dress rehearsal for the velvet revolution; barely a year more defiant, not less. It was the

later the Communists were gone. Even fear of luan is not a uniquely Chinese characteristic. The 16th-century smutnoe vremya, or "time of turmoil" is seen as a black and dangerous period in Russian history. That fear of chaos, and love of the "strong hand" was one reason why so many remained loyal to the Soviet state for so long (and they were loyal to the Communist state: not until 1989 and 1990. as everything else fell apart, did

the mood seriously begin to swing against the regime itself). Russia's population is much better educated than China's. But the people in Russia's huge countryside, too, were scarcely in revolutionary mode when Communism crumbled. All that really matters is for the urban government to feel, for whatever combination of reasons,

But it was assumed that because around for 70 years, it had somehow gained itself a a cer-tificate of eternal life. The eruption of Tiananmen Square itself - a million people.

Independent headline seven

months before the Wall came down, and "The Kremlin cannot

put the lid back on", seven months before the Soviet coup).

gathered at the heart of the Chinese capital to demand change - was neither predicted nor predictable. Equally, no future set of changes can be predicted, in the literal sense. Nobody knows the precise effect of the flap of a butterfly's wings, which might unleash a political hurricane. But there are tiny signs. Seven years after Tiananmen people are willing to talk with a stranger about those events, saying that they would not have dreamed of doing so just a few years ago. That cautious opening-up may in itself may prove to be an important change.

Further radical change seems certain to come - not necessarily all peaceful, or comfortable. Thus political change might bring pressures on the Chinese state itself, which includes a permanently restive Tibet, and an increasingly restless Xinjiang province, with its large Muslim population, in the north-west.

There is continual speculation about the leadership changes that might follow the death of the 91-year-old Deng Xiaoping. But Great Hall-ology may prove as useless as Kremlinology was, in answering the bigger questions. These, after all, will not just be settled by a little band of old men within the walls of Zhongnanhai. the Communists' own Forbidden City, in central Peking. The hidden changes in Chinese soci-

unsustainable. Theoretically

one can use force to re-estab-

lish control – as happened on

that fatal night in Peking in

June 1989. But even that trick

The leaders of East Ger-

many, who had been publicly

enthusiastic about the Tianan-

men killings, planned a local

Tiananmen Square in Leipzig,

on 9 October 1989. The orders

were given, the hospitals

cleared, the city sealed off. All

of us who were there that night

dons, and 50,000 protesters

saw the truckloads of armed

militias and knew that the

threats were real. And then, at

the last moment, the authorities

many. A month later, the Wall

was down. In equally unrebel-

lious Romania, by contrast, the

dictator Nicolae Ceausescu

decided he would go ahead with

force. Result: tanks, shooting,

deaths - and, within a week, a

Chinese Communism - the one-

party system, the secrets, the lies

- will survive is that China is

unimaginable without Commu-

nism. And yet, in its own terms,

that is not much of an argument.

The collapse of the Soviet Union was widely regarded as

"unthinkable". Ergo, politicians and diplomats refused to think

about it, even when you tried to

pin them down. Logic and the

One reason for believing that

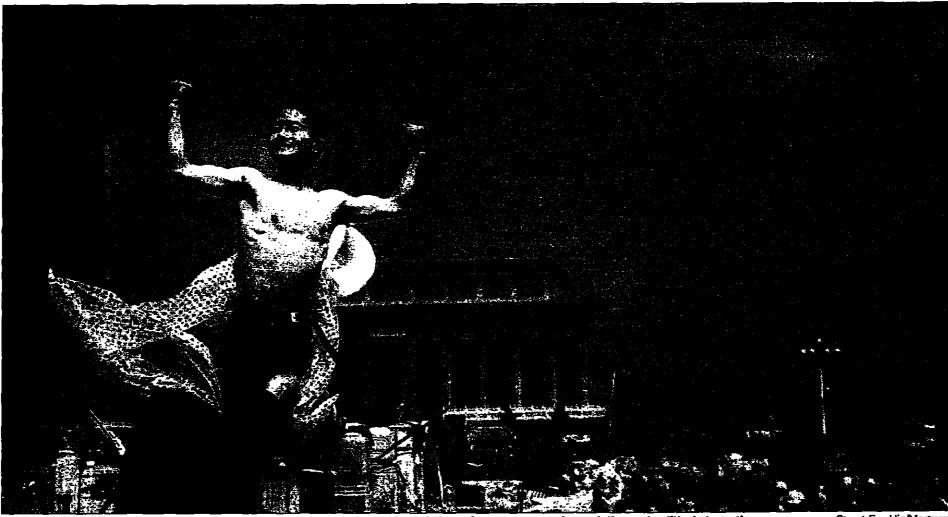
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cannot be used too often.

ety itself will be crucial. The Chinese have no experience of democracy. But nor did the Russians, who now have a messy version of a multi-party system. Taiwan, meanwhile, has - a handful of journalists who moved from locking up dishad slipped through the cor-senters to a little greenhouse version of Chinese democrac in action. In other words: neither huge, traditionally undemocratic countries, on the one hand, nor ethnic Chinese, on the other, are genetically pre-

programmed to live in untruth. Chinese businessmen are now encouraged to make their own capitalist deals - by fax. phone, e-mail and in person with the old enemies: with Taiwan, Britain, the United States and all points West and East. And yel, if they talk openly about the events that shook their own country, seven years ago, they can be locked up. That is both mad and bad. And there is no good reason to sup-

pose that it will last. All the more depressing, then, that Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, did not see fit to pursue the question of human rights when he recently met Li Peng, Prime Minister and chief slaughterer of 1989, in Peking. People in power always assume that other people in power are the only ones who matter. That is not just morally dodgy, but also politically wrong. Watch for the flapping of a butterfly's wings.



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might one day perform the same kind of backflip on politics as they have so enthusiastically performed on the economy in recent years and you get an icy stare. "That is off the says the previously gushing director after an ominously

dangerous. None the less, if one looks at other countries where repressive regimes have collapsed under their own weight, there is little comfort for the Chinese government. Any goverament that raises living standards reaps political benefits. Thus the West raved about economic growth in Poland under Edward Gierek in the Seventies; the Poles, too, were happy. But the moment the downturn began things turned sour. Four years later, Solidarity, the grassroots movement that eventually toppled the Communist state, was born. crucial retreat in East Ger-

constantly changing mood on the street pointed in only one direction ("The crumbling of an empire," in the words of an that its position has become



believe she's right!" said someone, and we all gave her a lucky to get the real thing at This strange remark, and

the sitting ovation it got, came at the end of a conversation in which we were all trying to think of ways of making our fortune. It had started with the host saying that he was putting some mustard on the table for the beef, and adding that it was going to be good old plain English mustard, because he was damned if he was going to put his latest acquisition on the table.

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at the end of the table.

"Some friends of mine have just come back from Wales and they wanted to buy me a small gift, so I am now the farfrom-proud owner of a jar of round grain mustard flavoured with leeks. I have tried it and I do not like it, but I knew I wasn't going to like it. Mustard shouldn't be monkeyed round with. Mustard is mustard is mustard. It shouldn't taste like vichyssoise custard.

"Yes," said a man called Fred, "but you can't get away from it these days. Every commodity is flavoured with some other commodity. You can't stop people adding tinges of this and a touch of that. You're

"Real thing? What are we talking about?" said Fred's wife, who could always be relied upon to seem stupid. She did it because it gave Fred a chance to seem clever, which he didn't ordinarily get.
"Well, take crisps, for exam-

ple." he said. "A real crisp is a potato crisp. It is a very thinly sliced piece of potato, fried in fat and salted. It doesn't taste much of potato. It tastes more of fat. It tastes even more of salt. But there came a time when crisp manufacturers thought we should have more variety, or at least that they should sell more crisps, so instead of doing the obvious thing, which was to crisp other kinds of vegetable, they starting adding totally unrelated flavours to the plain crisp. It started with cheese 'n' onion.

It went on to Bovril. It got as

far as prawn cocktail and smoky bacon. Heaven knows how far it has got now. Steak and kidney pie crisps? Lobster Thermidor crisps? "Sausages," said our hostess.

"Sorry?" said Fred. "It happened to sausages, too," she said. "Once they were just meat. Well, bread and meat. They were either beef or pork. Now you can go to a sausage boutique and buy sausages flavoured with ..."

"Mustard and leeks," said her husband, morosely. "It happened to vinegar when it went raspberryflavoured," said someone else. "It happened to bread when

they started putting bloody

sun-dried tomatoes in it," said

piece of bread or toast and then put jam or bloater paste or whatever on it, and eat it happily. But nowadays with all these designer breads you have to get a magnifying glass and see what's in it first. You're just about to put marmalade on your toast when you see that there's a bloody olive sticking out of it, so you have to think: 'Let me see, what goes with olives?'. But nothing does go with olives. Except gin. And you can't get gin-flavoured marmalade."

"You can get whisky-flavoured marmalade," said our host, "and an abomination it is, too. Doesn't please anyone. A whisky-lover doesn't want oranges floating about in his tipple, and a marmalade man doesn't want stale alcohol

wafting off his breakfast." "Somebody must buy the stuff," said Fred. "Otherwise they wouldn't go on making it. But it seems to be a basic principle of food and drink production these days. Take something simple and put flavours in it. Water with a twist of lemon,

celery salt, vodka with buffalo grass ... Ive even seen Belgian beer with raspberries in it."

"I saw some blackcurranttinged lemonade the other day," said the hostess, "Now THAT's going too far. That's adding a fruit flavour to a drink that's already got a fruit flavour! What on earth is the point? They didn't have all this

hundred years ago." "The Victorians had mustard baths." "They may have had mus-

tard baths, but I bet they didn't have bits of leck floating in them," our host grumbled.
"The point is," said Fred, "if someone could think of some foodstuff which had not yet

been flavoured, they would make a fortune." There was a thoughtful silence. It was then that the

female interruption came. They've never done it with rice. I believe," said the lady sitting at the end of the table. "By the Lord Harry, I believe she's right!" said someone, and

we all gave her a cheer. I expect flavoured rice will be on the market some time this week.

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Love thy neighbour and keep the noise down The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour youth and riotous neighbours than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than they are to the instincts of the liberal middle classes. The new social moralists of the Labour Party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than the labour party are careful to distinguish private conduct from public behaviour than the labour p

attacked by the Tories as socialist Big Brother politics and by the Liberal Democrats as "plain dangerous". Nor, it has to be said, have they been enthusiastically received by children.

They follow a fast-growing list of proposals from Mr Straw and other Labourites that have aroused the ire and worry of civil libertarians. There was the suggested clampdown on noisy eighbours, the decision no longer to oppose the Preven-tion of Terrorism Act, the proposal that parents of "irre-sponsible" children should be given compulsory education in parenting and, of course, the Straw speech against "aggressive begging ... and the squeegee merchants."

At the same time there has been something close to a counter-revolution in Labour's attitude to schooling, with David Blunkett leading the attack on the progressive teaching methods championed in ing methods championed in impossible to imagine a leading the Sixties but still dominant in politician today expressing him-

Michael Cockerell's recent television biography of Roy Jenk-ins, who defended his record as Labour's reforming Home Secretary when he changed laws on homosexuality, abortion, div-

orce and censorship.
Mr Jenkins said: "I was trying to make Britain a more liberal and open society because I thought we lived in a repressive climate ... If you want to stop people doing something which they enjoy doing, which they believe is within their liberty of action, then you've got to have an overwhelming social case ... if you're going to stop them, you shouldn't do it out of prejudice or out of habit, but only because you can show that a definite social evil

After 17 years of government by Tories who blamed Mr Jenkins for the permissive society, not one of his great reforms has been reversed. Yet it is almost

government of the late Nineties would embark on liberalising measures of the scale of Mr Wilson's 1964-70 governments.

What, anyway, would that mean? Legalising soft drugs, at the very least. Outlawing discrimination against homosexuais in the armed services? Offering the same financial and legal protection for gay marriages as for ordinary ones? Those might be among the measures a latter-day Roy Jenkins figure would tackle. But there isn't one, and Sixties' liberation politics are deeply unfashionable.

Labour today is part of a new mood of mild conservatism in social policy that is sweeping the West. There are risks in it; by ditching libertarianism, new Labour is surrendering a certain excitement and exuberance. It is giving up on the

Chance to be hip.
One might object that no party led by Tony Blair (despite his youthful rock-star ambitions) or Gordon Brown, Robin Cook, Harriet Harman and so



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on, could ever be entirely hip. But that is too personal a response. It is on the level of the attacks Straw has taken, such as the story that, aged 11, he told off the local ice-cream man for sounding his chimes after 7pm. There is a personal aspect to

new Labourism, but it is more interesting. Straw comes from a single-parent family and was brought up on an Essex housing estate. His instincts are nearer those of working-class families having a hard time from local

about this yesterday, he argued vocilerously that to say there crime, neighbourhood noise was a choice between social liberalism on the one hand, and social conservatism on the other was as false as the suggestion in economics that you had to be in favour either of laissez-faire or of old-style state control. His generation had grown up with a more permis-sive culture, and saw tolerance as a very important virtue; but it also wanted social rules.

Noting that for many elderly Britons, "life has been made absolute hell" by the behaviour of young people, he argued that Labour's position was social democratic: "at the heart of it is a deal, a settlement between the individual and society. There has to be a space with clear rules. Why? Because otherwise, the powerful win - which is what is appening on many estates."

About that he is surely right.

I have noticed that women and older people - particularly

ism. It is easy for the powerful to be related about petty street and education standards in state schools - for these are all

things the powerful can buy dis-

tance from. It is possible to envisage a "new Labour" morality that is, for instance, in favour of lower-ing the age of consent for homosexuals (Blair's view) and also in favour of being tougher on young criminals (ditto). Similarly, Straw's views about aggressive beggars may be too strong for some tastes - mine included - but they go alongside a fervent and aggressive anti-racism that is also the spawn of the Sixties.

There are philosophical and practical difficulties about this new social morality. Any politician who lacks Jenkins's intellectual clarity about the limits of state power and the liberty of the individual can too easily be nudged by the latest scare, the latest headline, into taking liberties from the latest unpopular group (boys, blacks or beg-

which is being articulated by the Blairites. It has no name. But it separates private sexual and recreational conduct, about which it is very tolerant, from public-space behaviour, about which it is increasingly stern. It has its dangers - a morality that concentrates on public behav-iour is bound to be tougher on those who spend time on the streets and, therefore, who are poorer or unemployed. But it is not social conservatism, which is less liberal about sex and race. And it is not shameless populism either.

It is probably, in truth, the moral centre-ground shared by most British voters who are middle-aged or younger. Blair and Straw are on to something and they know it. But they also owe it to the rest of us to articulate this new something. and acknowledge its dangers openly and expound its benefits more convincingly. For here, not in economics or

Fatal distraction reaches fever pitch

Bored already by Euro 96, Jojo Moyes prepares to flee

they think it's all over? I wish it were. hum 96 and tough luck to those, like me, who think it is all a load of leathery balls. Gone are the days when tootball was restricted to grounds and Grandstand, From now until 30 June, there is no escape. With an estimated 700 hours this summer, both BBC and ITV are clogged up with it, with tank of soaps, drama and documen-taries brutally shoved offside.

Newspapers are bulging with it; it is, apparently, no longer enough to receive pre- and post-match analyses - we have in nightclubs, what they demolish afterwards and which leggy blondes comprise their threein-a-bed-shockers.

The pop charts are full of tone-deal players warbling Eurn-tunes, while even classical music is corrupted by it; who now can hear Puccini's exquisite "Nessun Dorma" without the accompanying mental image of Paul Gascoigne's puce potato face serewed up with tears?

England's men, meanwhile. become Velero d to their sotas. Worse still, they start wearing those ridiculous nylon shirts. Repeat after me, boys; These are not attractive. Nor will wearing one mean that women somehow mistake you for David Ginola. Eurostar is happy, with a

record number of reservations for June - 110,000 in one week alone, "We're ascribing a lot of the traffic to Euro 96," said a spokesman. I disagree. What they don't say is that there are as many people fleeing the country as there are coming in. And for those who believe that Euro 96 poses a greater risk to the nation's health than BSE or Anthea Turner, I propose a few remedies.

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One is, of course, to leave the country. This will only work if, for obvious reasons, one ventures beyond Europe. Another solution is the immediate adoption of a red-card system. These could be worn either on the breast pocket, to denote an anti-Euro stance, or held up as a brisk warning at the start of any conversation likely to contain the words "Bobby Moore" or "1966".

The other dream solution, of course, would be for England to drop out in the first round. Perhaps I won't book that Eurostar ticket just yet.

Similar policies aside, there is an enormous gulf between the two electoral foes, says Geoffrey Hosking

Russia looks into a chasm

t the moment no one will take any decisions in Russia. When I ask university colleagues there to commit themselves to anything involving more than the next few days, they look at me with glazed eyes and reply, "Let's wait for the presidential elections". One ought to be pleased; of course. When previously in

Russian history did anything serious depend on the outcome of an election? But all the same, the widespread view of the election as an abyss, with absolute triumph on one side and total disaster on the other. reveals the extent to which Russian democracy has failed to settle down. Businessmen warn morosely that a Communist victory would plunge Russia into chaos and Yeltsin's closest adviser, General Korzhakov, even talks daily of civil war. No one expects the kind of peaceful transfer of power from government to opposition that marks a stable

How far is this alarm justified? For all the upheavals of the past few years Russia has not outgrown one basic characteristic of the old system, which is that politics was organised by cliques. The life-chances of a politician depended on the clique to which he attached himself, and especially on the fortunes of its leader. If the leader advanced, so did the rest of the clique, like mountaineers roped together.

pattern. He has never managed to create a political party to keep open his contacts with a wider public but instead has surrounded himself with people he could trust. At times, as a result, he has seemed to be receiving limited or distorted information, as when he invaded Chechnya in December 1994, a decision he has himself called the "greatest mis-take" of his presidency.

A change of regime would bring in people eager for revenge

A change of regime would mean a complete reshuffle of these cliques, bringing in fresh people, eager for revenge after years of frustration. One might view the elections as a struggle between the successful Communists (those who made the leap in good time from the old system to the new one) and the unsuccessful ones (those who failed to and so got elbowed aside). Ironically, the latter bear the Communist label. They have let it be known that they regard Yeltsin and his followers as "criminals" and would bring them to trial for having illegally destroyed the Soviet Union

In terms of policy, though, the two main contenders, Yeltsin and Zyuganov, may be closer than most people think. The Communists were very shy about revealing their economic programme, but when a news-paper leaked the programme last week, it turned out not to envisage a return to the state-owned planned economy. Instead, it recommended some price controls, higher social spending and a more relaxed monetary policy, combined with stricter currency controls to curb the flight of capital abroad, higher import taxiffs to protect Russian producers, and a certain amount of re-nationlisation, where it can be shown that firms have been privatised

Apart from the last, these are all directions in which Yeltsin will probably have to move too. Durmg the campaign he has been raising pensions and minimum wages, and trying to ensure that workers are paid on time. He has also been under great pressure from businessmen to make credit easier to obtain, at reasonable interest rates, both for themselves and their customers, so that manufacturing can take off from the miserable trough to which it has sunk.

Communist newspapers have been full of the rhetoric of Russia as a great power and proposals for the "voluntary" re-creation of the Soviet Union.



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dismantled customs barriers with Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Almost any conceivable Russian president would probably move in this direction. sians are used to running their neighbours' affairs and their economic power gives

them strong leverage.
In terms of policies, then, there may not be as much difference as appears between Yeltsin and Zyuganov. All the same, in recent weeks Yeltsin has been doing what he can to put "blue water" between himself and Zyuganov. He has announced that he plans to professionalise the armed

ing young adult males into military service for which they were often ill-prepared. No Communist would dream of doing any such thing, and most of the generals have been pretty tight-lipped in their reaction to

the move. Even more important is the Chechen peace settlement. This is not just a matter of ending the war, which the Russian vernment has been trying to do for months. Yeltsin's Nationalities Minister has suggested that Chechen rebels might join a coalition government, and that a power-sharing treaty might be drawn up, which would define Chechnya as a sovereign state within the Russian Federation, running its own

divergence from the imperial view of the Russian state which Zyuganov holds. However one rates Yeltsin's

chances, the most important thing is that everybody I have spoken to in Russia recently seems to assume that these elections will go ahead. Their glazed eves and their indecision indicate that they are taking democracy seriously. They are right to do so. The actual policies of Yeltsin and Zyuganov may differ less than both of them claim. but it really does matter who is in charge, and not only to their respective cliques. Yeltsin will reassure businessmen and foreigners that the country is stable and safe to invest in; Zyuganov will arouse fears of instability as well as the shadow

of the Communist past. In Russia, personality is everything. The writer is Professor of Russian History at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London University.

But here too Yeltsin is not far behind. He recently signed a treaty with Belarus that stops barely short of the full union of are called up. This would end and sold off the national heritage. So the change of personnel could be disastrous for the two countries, and he has some three centuries of pressdomestic affairs. This is a real Yeltsin did not challenge this the losers. A citizen of Europe first, British second The United Kingdom has farthest to travel on the road to integration but it is worth the journey Parliament will meet; it is difficult to

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think of myself first as a European citizen and second as a British citizen. We must all declare our colours now that the battle for Britain's future in the European Union has been joined. If only the UK fitted as smoothly into Europe politically as it does culturally and commercially. While the

enormous influence of Continental art, music and literature on us scarcely needs stating, we may not realise that the traffic has always been two-way. The interchange is particularly striking now. A retrospective of Francis Bacon opens in Paris at the Centre Pompidou shortly. At the same time the Jeu de Paume, round the corner, will be full of contemporary British sculpture from Anthony Caro to Damien Hirst. You can hear Benjamin Britten's operas in Paris almost as regularly as in London: contemporary British novels are translated into French and given full reviews almost every week of the tear. Indeed, in novels there is a substantial trade imbalance in favour of Britain - about 150 of ours cross the Channel each year compared with, say,

12 or so from the French side. In Germany, Rowan Atkinson's "Mr Bean" is a cult figure. Sir Simon Rattle with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra is a much admired regular visitor. Sir Norman Foster is Reichstag in Berlin where Germany's things have to be learnt and, being

think of a more important commission. In Rome, last week the actress Tilda Swinton created a sensation by taking over the Museo Baracco devoted to classical antiquities. With the ancient objects she placed appropriate plants and then, as she did at the Serpentine Gallery in London recently, inserted herself asleep as a further exhibit, only this time in a sort of botanical glass box, such as Darwin might have used. At once erudite and eccentric, the Italians found the experience "commovente" moving, touching. British culture is admired for its freshness, its willingness to take risks, its irony, its self-mockery, even its occasional weirdness.

British business finds it relatively straightforward to adapt to Continental ways, as does Continental business here, despite quite big differences. It is not just that the law is Roman rather than Anglo-Saxon or that social regulations are stricter elsewhere in Europe. In business negotiations we really are just as pragmatic as legend suggests and the French relentlessly logical and the Italians interested in grand concepts. Moreover, the closer you get to the Mediterranean, the more individual companies are likely to belong to unofficial families of businesses; once in such a grouping, all the members will help you, otherwise not. These



pragmatic, we are learning them fast. But the political differences between the UK and the rest of Europe are much more profound. All our partners are, in essence, republics, even if some of them have reserved the job of head of state for their royal family. All have written constitutions in which power is dispersed, with the lines of separation clearly marked. Their citizens have entrenched rights. We have none of these things. All power in the UK has long been concentrated in one place, the House of Commons. For members of Parliament to give up legislative authority to another assembly or to a foreign court will always be bitterly resisted and, when conceded, invariably felt as traumatic.

We did not mind accepting a com-mon tariff in return for a single market within Europe. We were being true to our free trade traditions, but our neighbours have been seeking purely political gains for which they have been will-

of sovereignty. The list is familiar. After three invasions in a hundred years, France has wished Germany integrated rather than isolated; in turn Germany has peacefully gained leadership of a Continent. Italy has wanted Europe to buttress its weak governments. Spain has seen Europe as a guarantor of its post-Franco democracy. Belgium and the Netherlands have obtained leverage over their big neighbours, Ireland, Portugal and Greece have received handsome subsidies. British policy has been to engage,

unwillingly and unenthusiastically, in a limited amount of political integration in order to protect or enlarge our existing single market benefits. It has been a crabby, uninspiring stance. It has finally brought us the meat crisis with its bad temper, recrimination, distrust and retaliation. Naturally, we did not discuss the matter with our partners as a common problem before making our fateful announcement. We wouldn't.

In a rational world it should be possible to agree which political decisions are best taken at the European level (as rightly advocated on these pages yesterday), which by national parliaments and which by local government. We would also be secure that, at all points, democratic procedures and popular oversight were in place. The EU would be the coping stone of our constitutional arrangements. I would be both ing to pay a much higher price in terms a European and a British citizen.

My political aspirations are also European because I want to be part of something that has, or could have, near-superpower influence in the world. Britain lost that status during the Second World War. I think we need it in some form to help us face the international crises we might meet in the future - more likely to be trade wars then armed conflict. If and when, say, Russia, China, Japan or India throw their weight about, I seek the reassurance of belonging to an equally powerful body without having to rely upon being just one of the United States' many allies.

country, we still do "punch above our weight". Partly, this comes from being a member of the key clubs. The UK has a permanent seat on the Security Council of the United Nations; we play a leading role in Nato; we are one of the Group of Seven economic powers, which regularly meet to discuss the world economy, and we are the historic leader of the Commonwealth countries. We are also able to project military force overseas, albeit on a modest scale, which earns us a close alliance with the US. And we, like France, draw influence simply from having been around as a nation-state for a long time. But separately or in combination, these relationships do not compare with being an integral part of a strong Europe.



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Oftel review cuts BT bills for 16 million

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Telephone bills for 16 million domestic customers are set to fall by an average of £8-£10 a vear under more lenient price controls announced vesterday by the industry regulator Don Cruickshank of Oftel.

The curbs. from July next year, are not as tough as BT had feared. But if it accepts them it will also have to agree to Mr Cruickshank, Director General of Telecommunications, being granted sweeping new powers to tackle anti-competitive behaviour by BT and other telecoms operators.

The new price controls will apply only to domestic and small business customers with quarterly bills of £66 or less and will cover only a quarter of BT's annual revenues. They will restrict price increases to inflation less 4.5 percentage points from 1997 to 2001 and will, said Mr Cruickshank, be the last set of retail price controls he impos-

The company's 10 million larger domestic users and most husiness customers will be exempt from price controls alto-

Mr Cruickshank said that the new Fair Trading condition he wants to see written into BT's licence was "indivisible" from the price controls. If BT rejects either element of the package it will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

not it would agree to Oftel's proposals. Peter McCarthy Ward, the BT director in charge of the price review ,described them as a "curate's egg" which it would need to study carefully before deciding whether to accept or

lawn outside Oftel's offices but nor is it peace in our time," he added. "This is a complicted document that will take time to

However the betting in the City was that BT would accept the entire regultory package, albeit grudgingly, and its shares ended 13p higher at 368.5p. Mr Cruickshank said the

price curbs would bring the median domestic bill of £200 a year down to £150 by the end of the control period and represented a fair balance between the short-term desire of consumers for lower prices and the longer-term need to encourage investment and greater competition in telecoms.

The new Fair Trading condition, meanwhile, would tackle any abuse by BT of its dominant market position and prevent it from engaging in anti-competitive behaviour such as predatory pricing or delays in connecting competitors to its

In fact, the proposals, which BT must respond to by the end of July, mark a sharp change in tack on the part of the regulator. Initially Mr Cruickshank

BT refused to say whether or form of price control over the bulk of BT's customers and its

> Although the new curbs will still apply to 80 per cent of BT's 20 million domestic customers they will cover only 26 per cent of it revenues compared with the 64 per cent covered by the existing price controls which run

> until next July.
> Mr Cruickshank said the new formula was based on BT earning a 12.5 per cent rate of return on areas of the business that would remain regulated and would require it to achieve 4 per cent annual improvements in efficiency. This is twice the level of productivity gains BT has factored in but it declined to spell out what the impact on jobs would be.

BT's competitors welcomed Oftel's proposals and in particular the more focused approach to price curbs. Peter Howell-Davies, chief executive of Mercury Communications said: "It will lead to lower bills for residential customers and allow competition to continue to develop so that all customers will carry on enjoying higher quality, more choice and

greater innovation in services."
The UK's largest cable operator, TeleWest, said the deregulatory thrust of the proposals and Oftel's intention to make these the last set of retail price controls were an acknowldgement that competition would regulate the market and protect



Fleming's Bill Harrison wins BZW top post

Barclays yesterday hired Bill Harrison, the investment bank-ing chief of Robert Fleming, as head of its investment banking arm BZW, one of the most sought-after jobs in the City.

The post is expected by competitors to bring a multi-millionpound long-term pay package, but Barclays made clear that Mr Harrison's earnings would be performance-related.

Mr Harrison's predecessor, the late David Band, in one recent year earned a total of £1.4m, including bonuses, making him the highest-paid executive at Barclays at the time.

Martin Taylor, the chief executive of the Barclays group. declined to reveal the remuneration package and said: "Bill is not coming here for the

He added: "Effectively what Bill is paid will depend on BZW's performance, and it will also depend on the performance of Barclays.

'Quite a lot of the directors' bonuses are in stock. At the first opportunity he will join the [group] board."

Mr Taylor said the bank had already decided to offer Mr Harrison the job before the death in late March of Mr Band, who had planned to move from the "strenuous" executive role at BZW to the

Mr Taylor added that he was amazed at the 60 or so names mentioned as candidates for BZW in various publications, and he had in fact only spoken to five people about the job. Mr Harrison was "absolutely the Photograph: FT right person" to spearhead BZW's development of its glob-

Apart from his deal-making skills, Mr Harrison stood out among the senior executives at the family-controlled Flemings as a no-nonsense executive with a Birmingham accent and a dif-ferent hackground from the traditional top-drawer City merchant banker.

But what was noticeable because of the contrast at Flemings may pass unremarked at BZW, which was founded only a decade ago and is a much more socially mixed organisation than Flemings. In Mr Harrison's three years

at Flemings the bank acted for ING in acquiring Barings and Dresdner in buying Kleinwort Benson and it also represented the Wellcome Trust during the

takeover by Glaxo.

Before Flemings, Mr Harrison was head of European investment banking at Lehman Brothers. He has also worked in the oil

industry alongside Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel. Both were at British National Oil Corporation in the John Manser, chief executive

of Flemings, said: "Bill has always been an ambitious man which is a good thing in investment banking.
"I find it difficult to think ill

of a person who wants to fulfill his ambitions. I am flattered to see that BZW could only find what they wanted at Flemings, he said. Mr Harrison will be on "gar-

dening leave" during his three months notice period, but said he would be available to help finish projects at Flemings and "tidy up" during that period.

Ofwat 'fines' Yorkshire Water £40m

MICHAEL HARRISON

Yorkshire Water was yesterday in effect fined £40m by the in- also agreed to a new set of perit only avoided rota cuts by trait is already spending to imtankering in water in a fleet of prove supplies.

Yorkshire has agreed not to in-rector General of Water Sercrease prices by more than the vices, as he published the rate of inflation next year in damning results of an investirecognition of its failure to gation into Yorkshire Water's meet its obligations or deliver an adequate service. It had been entitled to raise them by

The contrast between strong

consumer spending and sickly

manufacturing output was high-

lighted vesterday by the first economic statistics for May.

The mixed evidence on the

health of the economy means

that the Chancellor, Kenneth

Clarke, is not expected to

change interest rates after his

meeting tomorrow with Eddie

George, governor of the Bank of England. The decline in manufacturing

activity last month was the

sharpest since September 1992, according to the Chartered In-stitute of Purchasing and Sup-

ply. Its activity index showed the

steadily deteriorated since the

start of the year," said Peter

Thomson, director general of

"Business conditions have

fourth fall in a row in May.

Economics Editor

The fresh price curbs were In an unprecedented move, announced by Ian Byatt, Diperformance last year. The inquiry found serious failures by the company in controlling RPI plus 2.5 percentage points.

The price freeze will have a knock on effect in 1998-99 and trolling flooding from sewers.

the CIPS. The survey suggested that unsold stocks of goods

were the main reason for

Output, orders and employ-

ment were all down compared

with the previous month,

although the consumer goods

industries increased their level

of production. Jobs were cut by

Narrow Money

12 month growth rate (%)

1999-2000 resulting in customer bills being lower than allowed "It is not the job of the regulator to seek to manage the

pessimism.

for in Yorkshire's price control company', Mr Byatt said. "But leakage, supply interruptions or and lowering the company's when a company fails to deliv-flooding and did not have ade-shire in April 1995 when rainrevenues by some £40m. It has er the standard of service which quate plans to deal with them. fall began to fall significantly customers have paid for it will dustry regulator Ofwat for its formance targets that will in- be required to undertake spe- Water Service's payment of a mained that way through the "serious failures" in coping volve additional spending of cific action, to report the out- £50m special dividend in the summer. In July, a hosepipe ban with last year's drought when it only avoided rota cuts by trait is already spending to imcrease its prices."

Brandon Gough, who took mean it has to receive a cash in-Water a month ago, said: "The new management of Yorkshire the trust and confidence of customers by delivering high-quality, reliable service. Misit is now important to look to the future."

In his report Mr Byatt said Yorkshire had not paid enough attention to the problems of fected by sewer flooding.

Unsold stocks continue to dog industry

In a further sign of industrial

weakness, the Engineering Em-

ployers' Federation reported

that pay settlements had fallen

back in the three months to April. They were down to 3.3

per cent on average, having held

steady at 3.5 per cent for the

There were 21 pay freezes re-

ported during the three months

- 15 of them in April - out of a total of 269 deals. Most set-

tlements remained in the range

David Yeandle, head of em-

ployment affairs at the EEF said: "We are pleased to see em-

ployers and employees are re-

sponding prudently to tougher

trading conditions and the de-

However, figures showed

growth of the narrow money

supply measure, M0, picking up

creasing rate of inflation."

previous nine months.

rospect, was "not appropriate in the circumstances" and may

over as chairman of Yorkshire jection from its parent company to finance its operations.

In addition to the price Water believe it vital to secure freeze, Yorkshire has undertaken to meet a series of performance targets by the the end of the decade. These include takes were made in the past but cutting by two-thirds the number of customers affected by unanned supply interruptions of 12 hours or more and halving

the number of customer af-

17 per cent of the firms to 6.2 per cent in May from 5.6 Report, the Bank of England

per cent in April. Cash in cir-

culation, by far the biggest

component of M0, grew by 6.1

per cent in the 12 months to

May.
"Along with other consumer

indicators, underlying narrow

money growth is accelerating,

said Adam Cole, an economist

are expected to agree to leave

base rates unchanged this month. But there is a difference

of opinion in the City about

what will happen later this year. Some believe the Chancellor

will cut the cost of borrowing again. A report from his panel of "wise persons" due to be pub-

lished on Friday will show that

most of them think there is

plenty of spare capacity in the economy and therefore little im-

mediate inflationary danger. However, in its latest Inflation

Mr Clarke and Mr George

at brokers James Capel.

He also criticised Yorkshire below the average and restandpipes in Bradford.

Not coming for the money: Bill Harrison, the new head of BZW

The tankering operation began in September with water being ferried in from as far afield as Northumbria in a fleet of tankers that grew steadily from 200 to 700 at the peak of the operation.

From October to early January this year there was a real possibility of rota cuts or other emergency measures being implemented. Only the tankering operation and emergency capital works avoided that.

inflation running above its 2.5

per cent target by 1998 if base

rates did not rise in the

higher consumer demand will

help manufacturers work off

their overhang of stock before

long. In addition, key conti-

nental European export mar-

kets are expected to recover

doing the doom and gloom on manufacturing," said Robert

Barrie, an economist at BZW.

Official figures for manufac-turing output will soon be re-

vised up to take account of

better estimates of exports last

year. Last week the Office for

National Statistics published

higher figures for export growth

as a result of a new method for

calculating export prices.

There is a danger of over-

Most City analysts reckon

meantime.

later this year.

Facia shoe shops saved from hands of receivers

NIGEL COPE

The footwear interests of Facia, saved from receivership yes terday when a high court agreed to place the companies into administration. The arrangement includes the Freeman Hardy Willis, Saxone, Curtess and Manfield chains and will enable them to trade as ongoing concerns with some protection from creditors. The deal covers around 340 stores which employ around 1,400 staff.

Earlier, lawyers representing Facia's bankers and KPMG. the receivers to the rest of the stricken group, had argued for the shoe shops to be placed in receivership.
Instead, Alan Barrett and

Dipankar Ghosh of Price Waterbouse have been appointed as administrators to the footwear businesses. As Grant Thornton is acting as receivers to the Salisbury's luggage chain, yesterday's ruling means that three separate groups of officials are presiding over Facia.

individual businesses from other parties. Grant Thorton said it had received around 30 expressions of

interest in Salisbury's, which operates 174 outlets and has sales of £50m last year. KPMG said that it had received 62 expressions of interest in parts of the group from UK groups as well as others from the US, Belgium and

Canada. KPMG is acting as receivers for the Facia parent company as well as Contessa, Oakland Menswear, Torq jewellers and Red or Dead. KPMG held inconclusive meetings with Bank of Scotland,

bankers to Sock Shop which is not in receivership. The meetings will continue tomorrow.

Mr Hinchliffe is now co-op-

erating with KPMG after relations appeared to have broken down over the weekend. Mr velopments in the footwood businesses it sold to Facia.

As Facia's founder Stephen Hinchliffe was yesterday meet-Hinchliffe continued to meet ing with various potential backpotential backers with a view to ers in a bid to raise the £7m the collapsed retail group, were regaining control of the com- owed to the United Mizrahi pany, the various officials re-ported strong interest in the KPMG said it had received no expression of interest from the former Facia chairman.

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Gary O'Brien, Facia's chief operating officer has also yet to make a move though he is

thought to be interested in putting together a rescue bid. Sears, which is owed £6m by Facia, said its chief executive Liam Strong still had the suoport of the board. Sears chairman Sir Bob Reid held meetings with analysts yesterday to explain the administration procedure and the effect on the company. The leases on the stores now revert to Sears and the company has been forced to provide for a further £25m of exceptional costs to cover the disposal of unwanted properties and the other outstanding debts. Sears claims that it has kept the City informed of developments in the footwear

Antibodies group goes to market are said to have a proven safety

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Therapeutic Antibodies, a biotechnology group born at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, is planning to come to the stock market in a £150m flotation at the end of the month. The Anglo-American group is planning to raise £30m in the flotation, which will bring a windfall of around £38m to the directors, who include the two Barts' professors, John Landon and Tim Chard, whose ideas formed the basis of the group.

Their stakes should be worth around £12m on paper follow-

ing the float.
Like PPL Therapeutics, an Edinburgh-based group which recently announced its intention to float, Therapeutic Antibodies uses sheep to produce its main products, which are cur-rently only available for combating snake bites. The difference is that, while PPL obtains proteins from the sheep's milk, TA bleeds its animals to

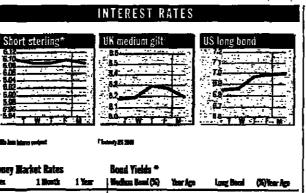
certain Scandinavian countries. obtain polyclonal antibodies. Sheep-generated antibodies

record, with few side effects in humans. They are used to supplement the human immune system to bind and neutralise the offending target on the cell. The snake bite products were launched last year and are currently only being sold to the Nigerian government and in

> Martin Brown, the company s US chief executive, said that while this was a niche market, it proved the company's

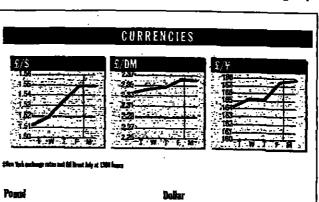
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New Mortgage Interest Rates From 1 June 1996, Dunfermline Building Society's new mortgage rate for owner-occupiers will be 6.99% pa gross.

Notice to Existing Borrowers

Also from 1 June, the Society is introducing a rate for existing botrowers occupying their own property which features a 0.25% pa gross reduction from their present rate. $\frac{1}{2}$ For borrowers who have a fixed rate or discounted variable rate mortgage, this change will come into effect on completion of the fixed or discounted period.

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'BT will squirm and wriggle and wring its hands at the demanding price cap which, indeed, is more demanding than it appears at first sight. But in the end

it will probably accept'

Cruickshank's carrot-and-stick does the trick On Cruickshank would appear to come from an altogether more subtle school

of regulation than his opposite number at Ofgas. Whereas Clare Spottiswoode has set about British Gas with lead piping, the Di-rector General of Telecommunications looks like getting his way with BT using a much cleverer combination of carrot and stick Indeed, the package of price and fair trad-

ing controls presented yesterday by Mr Cruickshank looks as neat a stitch-up job as any done on a privatised utility since the merry band of regulators leapt onto the scene a decade ago. BT will undoubtedly bellyache. It will complain about natural justice and the lack of an appeals procedure against the regulator's proposed powers to tackle anti-competitive behaviour. It will squirm and wriggle and wring its hands at squirm and wriggle and wring its dames at the demanding price cap which, indeed, is more demanding than it appears at first sight. But in the end it will probably accept.

As the consultative process has evolved culminating in these final proposals, Mr Cruickshank has either knocked over the obstacles erected in his way by BT or simply swerved around them.

ply swerved around them.

BT wanted a new regulatory regime that reduced quite dramatically the range of services that are price-capped. It has got previous that are price-capped. cisely that. Under the new formula only a quarter of its revenues will be governed by price controls whereas under the existing controls it is two-thirds. BT says it wanted an approach that would encourage invest-

ment and allow competitors sufficient headroom to enter the market. It seems to have
got that too. This is balanced by a Fair Trading condition which, if written into its licence, would give Mr Cruickshank and any successor greater discretion in tackling anticompetitive behaviour.

BT finds this abhorrent, but unlike the issue of pricing where the industry presented a more or less common front against the regulator, few support its stance on this other matter. Refusing to accept the fair trading proposals and marching off to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission risks looking like an act of truculence which, in any case, is not guaranteed to produce a more favourable outcome for BT

British Gas looks set inevitably on a course for the MMC but that is because it believes shareholders' funds are being expropriated. That is not the case with BT The smart upwards movement in its share price yesterday makes it very hard for BT to argue the British Gas case, that Oftel is being beastly to Sid. BT should be thankful for small mercies and accept Mr Cruickshank's

Calling the regulators to account

Lew outside Yorkshire Water's own share-holders are going to have any problem with the penalty imposed on the company

prices by more than the rate of inflation next year amounts, in effect, to a fine of about £40m over the lifetime of the present price controls. Yorkshire's pricing formula was originally set to allow it to raise prices by two and a half per centage points above the rate of inflation. On top of the revenue loss, York-shire is also being forced to spend an additional £50m shoring up its crumbling

infrastructure. There is, however, one thing that Ian Byatt, the water regulator, does not explain in an otherwise lucid, clear and comprehensive report on Yorkshire Water's failings. And that is how the fine was arrived at. According to a spokeswoman for Ofwat, it was a question of the director general's 'judgement" of what was appropriate, takng into account the fact that the company paid out a special dividend of £50m last year. Many will find the judgement too lenient: rather fewer, too harsh. The fact that Mr Byatt doesn't explain himself lays him open

to the old criticism of arbitrary regulation.
Yorkshire has agreed the penalty, as well
it might given the weakness of its position. All the same, something needs to be done to standardise regulatory proceedure and make it more transparent and accountable. As things stand, we have a series of all-pow-As things stand, we have a series of all-powerful regulators waltzing around by themselves, decision-making in a way which is lend as a tentative toe in the water. Super-this, And who knows, it may work.

but even so some commonality in approach and judgement might reasonably be

expected. In practice there is hardly any. It is perhaps unfair to lay such criticism on Ian Byatt, one of the more enlightened, and thoughtful of the regulators. This is especially the case given that most people would heartily agree with his action against Yorkshire, Nonetheless, only in Britain would it be possible to impose such a vast fine on a company without accounting publiely for how it was arrived at. The fact that the regulator may have got his decision-making about right both in the Yorkshire Water case, and in the more complex BT price review, is no excuse for the arbitrary nature of the process. Because regulators act alone and without public debate, their judgement s highly likely to be at fault, or at least out of tune with the times. Priority should be given by the next government to root and branch reform of the system. Both the regulated utilities and the public at large are rapidly losing all faith in it.

Tesco tip-toes into financial services

the Tesco name. Instead we have got a halfway house, a budget card which is also a debit eard. Basically it is a Nat West account that will help you do your Tesco shopping. In other words, little more than a loyalty gimmick.

All the same, we can safely assume this is a stepping stone to other whizzy financial products, such as the Tesco life assurance plan or the Sir Ian MacLaurin pension scheme (he does retire soon after all). Tesco should beware, however. The route to financial services is not always an easy path as other retailers have discovered. Marks & Spencer launched its financial services produets with much fanfare but has found the going much tougher than it espected. Virgin, on the other hand, has fared better with its PEP and is now going into life insurance.

The aim here is clear. Retailers and other op companies want to use the strength of their brand names to bolt on other products. Brands such as Marks & Spencer and Boots always rate highly. By contrast everyone loves to hate the banks which are seen as inefficient and unfriendly. As the banks continue to push customers further away with cash machines and telephone banking, the supermarkets are drawing theirs closer to their bosom with loyalty cards and the like.

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BSE scare hammers Dalgety

Analysts were downgrading forecasts for Dalgety yesterday after the food giant warned that the impact of the BSE scare would cut pre-tax profits by up to £25m this year. Dalgety said it had faced "considerable uncertainty as a result of the continuing beef crisis".

Worst hit was the Spillers pet food business, which incurred write-offs totalling £15m as a result of the European Union's global ban on the export of British beef.

Dalgety added that its pet-food division had also been affected by an isolated, and unrelated, case of suspected

the recall of dried cat food products at an estimated cost of £5m. A further £5m was lost in Dalgety's agricultural feed and food ingredients business due to stock write-offs and a fall in demand for beef-based food products for which Dalegty supplies ingredients. "These costs are rgely one-off in nature," the

company said.

appointed with the statement and also by Dalgety's decision to do no more than maintain the final dividend this year.

"There are a number of companies across the sector who have been hit by the BSE scare. but Dalgety is the most affect-ed," said Julien Hardwick, analyst at stockbrokers BZW. He lowered his profit estimate for the year to June 1996 to £95m from £115m, compared with £93.7m made last year.

Richard Workman of stockbrokers ABN Amro Hoare Govett trimmed his forecasts to £110m from £123m, and has pencilled in £130m for the year to June 1997, from £160m.

Since the latest BSE scare product contamination at its broke in March, shares in Dal-Dutch factory. This had led to gety have slipped from 438p, gety have slipped from 438p, though they closed a penny higher yesterday at 375p.

Share prices in other dairy and animal feed companies have also have been under pressure amid fears of a mass slaughter of dairy cows and a consumer backlash against beef.

Dalgety is the latest in the industry to warn of the impact of the beef crisis. Last month

Devro told its annual meeting the EU ban had led to an embargo on £4.5m worth of stock that used UK animal hides. The City is also braced for similarly cautious trading statements next week from two other industry leaders, North-ern Foods and Unigate.

News of lower-than-expected profits from Dalgety came as British Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg launched a new plan to eradicate "mad cow" disease in Britain and get the EU ban on UK beef lifted.

The measures, presented to EU farm ministers yesterday, include a new commitment making it illegal for farmers to possess feedstuffs containing animal remains. British authorities also plan

to recover all meat and bone meal, believed to be the main source of infection of the fatal cattle brain disease, from feed mills and farms in June and July. And in response to pressure

from its EU partners for more drastic action to eradicate the disease, Britain is also intending to extend its slaughter sausage casing manufacturer where BSE has been found. initiative for the British beef industry



scheme to cattle born in a herd Back on the attack: Douglas Hogg has launched a new

Plan to Ginger up ĬČA

ROGER TRAPP

The Institute of Chartered Accountants today faces a challenge to the way it runs itself from a group campaigning to

make it more democratic.
The Ginger Group, led by accountancy college chief Jeff Wooller, wants the institute's president and other officers to be elected by all 109,000 members of the body rather than just the 70 members of the council.

as at present. Mr Wooller's motion to today's annual meeting is unlikely to prevent deputy president Brian Currie being confirmed as the next president of the institute. But the move marks the latest stage in a campaign to make the professional bodies more open.

Earlier this year, the Chartered Association of Certified ecountants saw off a similar challenge from a group of reformers led by accountancy academic Prem Sikka, while the Law Society - having avoided contested elections for many years - faces its second consecutive acrimonious poll battle later this year.

Mr Wooller says his group was galvanised by last year's attempt by the institute's leadership to push through a merger with the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Although the proposed link-up was shelved after a majority of ICA members voted against it, the group has decided to step up the pressure for a greater say in its running.

 Brazil could be on the verge of a Mexican-style crisis, a respected US economist and former adviser to President Bill Clinton warned vesterday. The warning shook the financial markets as Rudiger Dornbusch, an economics professor at the Massachussetts Institute of Technology, warned about the end-1994 Mexican crisis months in advance. Professor Dornbusch said Brazil should not be keeping interest rates at more than 20 per cent to keep its currency artificially high. Although the policy has slowed inflation to about 20 per cent from 2,500 per cent in 1993, there was a risk of a currency collapse. Instead, the Brazilian government should slash its deficit. Bailing out Mexico cost the international community \$50bn (£32bn). The dollar fell briefly yesterday in reaction to Professor Dornbusch's remarks.

The leading indicator for the US economy rose in April and was revised up for March. The 0.3 per cent increase was bigger than expected, and the third successive rise. Separate figures showed a surprise 1.4 per cent jump in construction spending in April. However, manufacturing activity in the US dipped in May according to the National Association of Purchasing Management. Its activity index dipped to 49.3 from 50.1 in April, although it remained above its average for the previous six months. Output increased but orders and employment declined in the month.

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Whitbread has asked David Lloyd to clarify his position following weekend press reports that he was seeking to regain management control of David Lloyd Leisure, the tennis and fitness club business he sold last year for £200m to the brewing and food retailing group. Mr Lloyd, according to the reports, is unhappy about not having day-to-day control of the leisure business following the appointment by Whithread of a three-man management team, headed by Steve Philpot. A spokesman for Mr Lloyd said he hoped to have a meeting as soon as possible with Peter Jarvis, chief executive of Whitbread.

. Unigate Group is selling the Black-eyed pea part of its US restaurant business to DenAmerica for £42m cash. The sale of the 100 restaurants, however, will result in a exceptional loss of £59.5m. which includes a £38.2m of goodwill previously written off.

Racal Electronics has been awarded a landmark telecommunications contract by HM Prison Service Agency worth in excess of £9m over the next seven years. This is the first IT contract to be awarded by the Prison Service under the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) programme, and the order includes the installation of telecommunications equipment and the management of voice services in up to 20 prisons in England and Wales.

 Small firms are more likely to grow fast if their owners are young, have professional qualifications, own several different businesses or work with others to run their businesses, while formal market research is the most successful management strategy, according to a study published today by the Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre. The best firms grew by more than 100 per cent over a four-year period to 1990, with the best performance coming from firms in Northern Ireland and Wearside.

Lloyd's wants multi-million top-up for names

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

The Lloyd's insurance market said yesterday that it expected to top up its £3.1bn rescue package with special help for the hardest-hit names.

Lloyd's agents are in negoti-ations to increase the £200m they have pledged to the rescue fund by tens of millions. The ex- gle people and £17,500 for cou- agents about increasing the

lent of a pension to impoverished members who have no hope of meeting their debts.

The Society of Names said it rescue, saying this figure was spected the arrangement to "highly speculative." expected the arrangement to bring the income of the worst affected to the level they would have received under the former

poured cold water on reports that the agents are to contribute an extra £100m to the

Lloyd's said that it recognised that those in special difficulty including the aged would need Lloyd's hardship fund, of continuing support. It was in around £11,000 a year for sin-active discussions with the

tra money will pay the equiva- ples, net of tax. But Lloyd's £200m but no figure would be given until the discussions were concluded.

Tom Benyon, director of the Society of Names, said: "I am glad that now the promise made to me at Lloyd's AGM on 24 May 1994 by Peter Middleton, then Lloyd's chief executive, that busted names' income would be protected is at last be-

He added: "This move is final proof that names were right to reject the last settlement offer. A period of silence is now called for from all those who recommended acceptance."

The Lloyd's Names Associa-tion Working Party said: "Many names would not have believed so much could be achieved, especially when they were told recently that the well was dry."

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Denver When You're Dead, Toy Story, Executive Decision

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Holly Hunter, is a classic suspense thriller about a race against time to find and stop an obsessed serial killer on the From Dusk Till Dawn (cer-

tificate 18), tells the story of the notorious Gecko Brothers (George Clooney & Quentin Tarantino), two of America's most dangerous criminals, who The offer is valid from yester- are on the run from the Texas police and the FBI after a crime spree through the Southwest. Also starring are Harvey Keitel and Juliette a good fight and the media

warthogs, in Walt Disney Pictures' all-new, live-action, musical feature.

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simply call Talking Pages on age adventure, high-tech gadgetry and lowbrow humour. In Toy Story (certificate PG), six year old Andy's toys have a life of their own when left alone. Led by Andy's favourite toy Woody, the fearless pullstring cowboy doll, the toys live

a quiet life of dedication to their master. All this is thrown into jeopardy on Andy's birthday, the most dreaded day in the life of a toy, when the fear of being replaced by another toy can become a reality. Primal Fear (certificate 18), stars Richard Gere as the arrogant and successful criminal defence

attorney Martin Vail. He loves spotlight, both of which he knowingly invites when he volunteers to represent a young man accused of murder. The victim is one of Chicago's most prominent dignitaries, and the defendant's guilt seems as evident as the blood found splattered on his clothes. However Vail does not concern himself with questions of guilt or innocence, all he cares about is winning.





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with hotels in the wake of Granada's

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harm to Stakis, the Glasgow-based

leisure group. Indeed, after marking time for two years, the shares have out-

performed the rest of the market by 29

per cent since the start of 1996, even

more to do with the prospects for the

group's casinos arm, which had a

turgid 1995, rather than hotels, whos

sparkling performance helped to rescue last year's figures. Pre-tax profits just inched ahead 4 per cent to £12m in the half-year to March, restrained by

the gaming division. Stakis has been

warning of problems there for some

time, so, while disappointing the profits slide from £6.46m to £5.05m came as

little surprise. After an exceptionally

good end to 1994, the punters appear to have gone to sleep for most of 1995,

distracted in part perhaps by National

Lottery scratch cards. But the group

also seems to have taken its eye off the

ball a little, with a £2m hoist in branch costs taking a chunk out of profits.

January, while Stakis has shown its de-

termination to address the problems

with Jim McCarvill, managing director of casinos, being dropped on Friday.

The real bonanza will come, however,

if the gaming machine proposals in the Government's green paper on dereg-ulating the industry show any sign of

becoming law. That could see the cur-

rent limit of six slot-machines per outlet becoming one or two per table. The result could be an uplift of as much as

50 per cent to the profits of the busi-

ness or anything between £4m and £6m. Meanwhile, hotels are tanking ahead,

with profits jumping from £13tn to £17m

in the latest half year. On the back of

the current buoyancy in the market, the

group is enjoying the virtuous circle of

more bedrooms, higher occupancy

and an increase in average room rates

The sum of those parts raised the yield

per room by 13 per cent to £32.61. At

these levels, every extra point on the

occupancy level, now 71 per cent, or

pound on room rates pretty well falls

through to the bottom line in the ho-

tels division, which has the more pros-

perous second half to look forward to.

moving from recovery to growth with-

out hiccup under chief executive David

Michels. Despite the group's relative

financial strength, he is moving with

commendable caution in expanding the

group, ruling out any acquisition of the

Queens Most assets currently up for sale. The expansion of the health

clubs side through last month's £20m

Stakis has achieved that rare feat of

Things have started to pick up since

But paradoxically, that leap had

after yesterday's 3p fall to 108p.

Stakis gambles on its machines

The stock market's renewed love affair of group profits are exposed with hotels in the wake of Granada's THE INVESTMENT COLUMN quarter of group profits are exposed to construction, the market is probably

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LivingWell acquisition could prove an interesting higher growth area. But a forward multiple of 17, based on profits of £31m this year, suggests the shares are up with events. Hold.

Whitecroft falls on warning

Whitecroft, a mini-conglomerate spanning lighting, doors and medical cotton, has been revitalised since 1992 under the direction of new management led by chief executive Mike Derbyshire. After a classic kitchen sink job in 1993, when massive provisions sent the group to £41.8m loss, profits have recovered sharply. However, the mar-ket was keener to focus on what it saw yesterday as a profits warning than news of an 18 per cent rise in underlying profits to to £8.08m in the year to March. (The reported figures were distorted by a £5.91m property-related profit last struction mark time.) The shares duly slid 12p to 212p. profits by a ter The continuing deterioration in the

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Gearing (%)

Dividends per share (pence)

both the lighting and building products divisions were having to combat lower levels of activity and price deflation, the company warned. But Mr Derbyshire reckons the market has overreacted. The company managed to shrug off the malaise to produce strong second-half figures, he said, and still ended the year with order books high-tech lesson 20 per cent ahead. Certainly the current year should be

boosted by a full-year's contribution from Chalmers & Mitchell, acquired ardous lighting - equipment used on oil rigs and in chemical plants, for instance - to add to its strong market positions elsewhere. The lighting division, the second biggest in the commercial market behind TLG, raised profits last year by 6.3 per cent to £6.21m last year.

the other area affected by the conen that in tot:

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Share price pence

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commercial construction market meant

for £4.75m in November. The Glasgow-based company has given Whitecroft market leadership in so-called haz-The Leaderflush doors business,

rket, also did well to l enth to £13.5m. But, gi tal between a fifth and	v- houses such as IBM and Nets
	a new high of 665p after the g
ρ	to £10.5m on sales more than
5 1995 1996	at £1965m. Stripping out first tributions from Italian, D Scandinavian acquisitions be

cent and avoid fouling up on the Con-tinent. House broker SBC Warburg looks for pre-tax profits of £15.5m, implying a p/e in the high teens. The premium rating is deserved.

right to be a little cautious over shortterm prospects. Further out, the £7.3m being spent on Edward Hall, which leads the European market in medical cotton fibre, should drive future growth and there may yet be recovery in the construction market.

With profit forecasts downgraded to around £8.5m, the shares stand on a

Azlan offers a

In its short life on the stock market, Azlan, a computer networking products distributor, has provided an A-Z of the risks and rewards of investing in hi-tech companies. Floated at 230p on a fancy multiple two-and-a-half years ago, the shares soon slid to a low of 118p after a profits warning led to David Randall, then managing direc-tor, being relieved of all executive duties. Into his shoes stepped Christian Martin, the former finance director. A focus on fewer suppliers, further expansion into Europe and a series of stry powerscape have

iped 26p to group posttax profits ın doubled Outch and ought during the year, underlying turnover growth was still 90 per cent, while likefor-like profits grew by 145 per cent.

Technological change, not least the Internet, is driving this phenomenal ex-pansion. Networking – enabling corporate computer users to operate more effectively - is the fastest growing information technology market after personal computers. According to analysts Dataquest, the market in Europe alone is expected to grow from \$6.5bn to \$8.6bn within two years. Azlan benefits because the market is so fragmented - a manufacturer alone cannot get a new product out to the tens of thousands of potential cus-tomers and dealers within its six to nine month shelf life.

Further progress is likely if Azlan can keep a tight hold on inventories, hold gross margins near the current 24 per

Tesco hogs the limelight by proving pigs can fly

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Staff at the Bank of England can testify that pigs do fly - if only six feet above the ground. Tesco heralded its phinge into financial services with a 25-foot inflatable pig-gy bank tethered outside the Bank in Threadneedle Street.

The people at NatWest who are in effect running the Clubcard Plus initiative diplomatically got permission from the powers that be in the Bank before the porker was inflated.

This is only the start for a nationwide "Hog Tour" of all Tesco's 545 stores for the piggy bank, starting with the group's Cheshunt, Hertfordshire head office today. For those of a certain age it brings back memories of Pink Floyd's first tour featur-ing the "Wall" album, during which the band tethered a winch the ballo terries a similar inflatable pig over its gigs. "Ours is a cuddly pig," a Tesco's spokeswoman points out. "The Pink Floyd one was a bit ferocious.7

The City is in the grip of Euro '96 fever. This week the Save the Children's Human Table Football tournament will feature over 50 City teams battling it out for supremacy in the Broadgate

The games will be blownup versions of the pub game of table football, but with people taking the part of the rotating plastic players. Later in the month teams from the London insurance market are taking part in a seven-a-side tournament, "1996 European Football Challenge", organised by footie-loving solicitors Paisner & Co. The teams have yet to be finalised, but should include insurers Munich RE (for Germany), Scor UK (France), Assitalia (Italy) and Lloyds syndicate managers Brockbank (England).



New targets: Thames TV is finally cutting its roots with the Teddington Lock TV studios in west London. Parent Pearson is close to selling the site and is moving all its UK television operations to an empty office block just north of Oxford Street, on Tottenham Court Road.

Thames, maker of such classic series as The Sweeney (above) Grundy, ACI and Select will all move to central London as soon as the Teddingtion deal is signed. Sources say that there are a dozen parties interested in buying the site, four or five of whom would keep Teddington as a television production centre.

Michels has been comforting himself with one piece of good news, despite the hotels and casinos group's less than brilliant results. Under the Home Office's proposals for casino deregulation, Draconian bans on any form of advertising by gambling halls will be eased – slightly. At the moment casinos are

not even allowed to list themselves in phone books. let alone advertise in newspapers. The consultation document on deregulation recommends that casinos should henceforward be listed in phone books, in-flight magazines and hotel rooms. This may be pretty minimal, Mr Michels admits, but at least it's a start. As he says, "It's difficult to run a business your customers are not allowed to find."

The United States has always

prided itself on championing freedom of speech, but it takes a pretty dim view of the financial probity of journalists if its latest visa requirements are anything to

According to the United States embassy in London, journalists wanting to apply for a visa to visit the US must pay a fee first: "You should take the enclosed paying-in slip to the nearest Barclays Bank and pay the fee IN CASH." Cripes, they must have had a few dud cheques in the past.

To have a reasonable chance of winning a share of the lottery jackpot over 60 years of playing you should buy 1,000 tickets a week according to John Haigh, a Reader in maths and statistics at the University of Sussex, in a recent article for RSS News.

new appointment

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Julian Treger, leader of the rebel shareholders at Scholl, makers of the famous sandals, yesterday declared victory in his battle with the board after the appointment of Stuart Wallis, the former chief executive of Fisons, as the new chairmanelect. Mr Wallis will replace Gordon Stevens, the present incumbent, in July.

Since September, Mr Treger and his colleague Brian Myerson have with JO Hambro and Partners, a small investment bank, been orchestrating a campaign against the board under the leadership of the 70-year old

Tom Long, a non-executive director since 1991, also yesterday announced his resignation, apparently because he was unable to agree to the terms proposed for the new

Mr Wallis is to receive a basic, non-pensionable salary of £100,000 and will participate in an incentive scheme which will give him up to £1m if the company's share price performance matches the upper quartile of the FT-SE 250 index over the next two years. Mr Wallis was widely credited with turning round Fisons after a series of disasters under previous management, before selling out to Rhone-Poulenc Rorer last year for £1.8bn and nearly tripling the share price.

Mr Treger said: "We are just very happy that after a month of prevarication the board of Scholl has bowed to the wishes of a majority of shareholders. We believe this is a victory for shareholder pressure in the UK and are very pleased that someone of [Mr Wallis's] cali-

bre is coming on board. Mr Wallis said he had been approached by the rebel group ix to eight weeks ago, but had had very little contact with them since. He had made clear he would not take up the job without agreement to two conditions. "Firstly, unless it was understood that I wouldn't favour them above any others and secondly that a majority of the company's shareholders had to be quite clear that wanted me. It ranidly became quite clear that

that was the case. He refused to elaborate on any plans for the business before embarking on a world tour of the operations over the next four the six weeks in the company of Colin Brown, chief ex-ecutive. "Obviously I have got one or two ideas, but I don't want to formulate those from outside until I have been around and seen one or two businesses from inside."

He suggested there were un-likely to be any further board changes. Since leaving Fisons, Mr Wallis has taken on the chairmanship of LLP, owners of Lloyds of London Press, and Shelfield Forgemasters.

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Scholl rebels hail Caspian bid for Leeds Utd underlines City love affair

PATRICK TOOHER

The City's growing love affair with top football clubs was underlined yesterday when a media company backed by sev-eral leading investors said it was in talks to buy Leeds United, and shares in two other leading Premiership sides soared on the prospect of greatly enhanced revenues from digital televi-

Shares in Caspian Group were suspended after the company said it was in discussions that could lead to it acquiring a controlling stake in Leeds United. Caspian is owned by leading investment groups in-cluding Schroders, Mercury Asset Management, London and Manchester, and Guardian

Royal Exchange. Chris Akers, the former Swiss Bank corporate financier and Caspian chairman, was understood to be in Leeds yesterday to finalise the terms of a deal that would see the group pay £10m for a 65 per cent stake in the club owned by Bill Fother-by, Leeds chairman, and Eric Silver, his predecessor.

Caspian is also said to be keen to take on the club's £10m debt. It would fund the deal through a placing of shares with institutions. Buying Leeds United would

more than double the size of Caspian and represent the first step in transforming it from a television production and animation company into a large sports and leisure group.



Bidders line up: Elland Road stadium, Leeds United's home ground

Premier League's 20 clubs could share in a pay-per-view television bonanza worth up to £2.5bn a season. Shares in Manchester United climbed 35p to 400p, while Tottenham Hot-

spur soared 51p to 429p. The confidential report from polling firm Harris has encouraged top teams to hold out for a far more lucrative deal News of the takeover approach for Leeds came as shares in Manchester United matches from 1997 are disand Tottenham Hotspur hit cussed at a key meeting of club

record highs after a report in chairmen in Coventry later this Saturday's Independent said the week. The current contract is held by BSkyB.

Based on a sample of 4,000 viewers from around the country, Harris found that League and FA Cup winners Manchester United could earn up to £382m a season if all matches were transmitted at various times of the day at £10 a time. Next would come Liverpool and Arsenal, who would receive £339m and £190m respectively. followed by Leeds (£162m) and Tottenham on (£121m).

the League as a whole received from all television deals last season and are fuelling renewed interest in football clubs as serious

investments. Two other potential bidders have already emerged for Leeds: Paul Sykes, a local businessman, and Barry Rubery, coowner of Pace, the satellite decoder machine company about to be listed on the stock market. Both are regulars at Leeds' Elland Road ground. QPR, relegated from the Premier League last season, is

These figures dwarf the £60m also up for sale.

 Hambros Insurance Services raised profits 38 per cent to £11.1m last year. The loss adjusting business quadrupled profits to £3.7m on turnover up 21 per cent to £46m, helped by an increase in claims - as a result of Caribbean hurricanes and subsidence and other weather-related claims in the UK

 Allied London Properties has bought the 177,000 sq ft Princess Square Shopping Centre in Bracknall from Abbey Life Assurance for £32m. Gross annual rental income from the fully let centre, which was built in 1984, is currently £2.64m. Allied intends to further develop the centre on adjoining land.

• Austin Reed has appointed Geoff Gibson finance director with effect from 1 August. He joins from the management consultancy services division of Coopers & Lybrand. Austin Reed also announced the appointment of Colin Houlihan as managing director of the manufacturing division, with effect from 17 June. He was previously managing director of Amdega, part of Williams

• FKI has agreed to acquire Wright Products, a US maker of storm and screen door hardware, for \$39.2m (£25m) cash. In 1995. Wright Products had sales of \$50.9m and made operating profits of \$5.1m.

 Wadkin, the maker of woodworking machinery, has been acquired by a buy-in team headed by Alan Lott and Barrie Jones for more than £10m. Wadkin has 300 employees and has annual turnover of £22.5m. The deal was arranged by Prudential Ven-

 SmithKline Beecham is buying Italmex, a Colombian pharmaceutical company, for an undisclosed sum. Italmex, a private y owned business established in the 1960s, had sales of \$19m fast year. Its leading product is Dolex, a paracetamol analgesic.

• Avis Europe, the car rental group that operates in 2,700 locations in 88 countries, increased turnover by 19.2 per cent to £477.4m and operating profits by 41.9 per cent to £83.7m in the year to 29 February. The company is owned by three shareholders

- D'Ieteren of Belgium, General Motoros and Avis of the US.

 Magnum Power announced that finance director Ian Irvin will be resigning from the board at the annual general meeting on 26 July.

 Adwest Group is paying £29.25m cash for Rearsby Group, a supplier of driver control products in the UK automotive industry. In 1995, Rearsby reported sales of £27m and operating profits

 Scottish Pride Holdings said it had received an approach on behalf of Robert Wiseman Dairies which may lead to a takeover offer. Scottish Pride's shares climbed 13p to 61p, valuing the company at almost £20m.

 Wainhomes said it had fully resolved the problems of its Northern subsidiary, where claims of fraud claimed the job of chief execution. utive Ronald Smith earlier this year. Greater focus on control of selling prices, costs and the use of capital would bring benefits this year, the group said. Profits dived from £10m to £2.08m in the year to March, but the annual dividend is Trainetic Loss in

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Hambro inturance (F)	95.1m (89.0m)	11 1m (8.03m)	100 (7.49)	5.\$5p (5.5)
independent Parts (F)*	20.3m (16.0m)	3.7m (2.59m)	12 56p (9 62p)	6p (-)
Staids (I)	95.8m (82 8m)	12.0m (11.5m)	2.38p (2.21p)	0.5p (0.75)
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Maintonses (F)	96.0m (96.9m)	2 07m (10.0m)	2p (10 8p)	4.5p (4.5p)
Whitecreft (F)	143m (131m)	8.08m (12.7m)	14.1p (24.2p)	5p (4.25p)
Bridgeed Group (F)	15.6m (17.5m)	3.38m (0.03m)	-12.3p (0.1p)	0,2p (0.2p)
interits Group (F)	26.1m (26.0m)	1.36m (-2.26m)	1.13p (-5.81p)	Ug (-)
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*Comparatives on protorms basis

Tunnel shares break through £1 level

PETER RODGERS

Eurotunnel shares went back through 100p yesterday for the first time since September. when the company suspended payment of interest on more

than £8bn of debt. The shares closed 11.5p higher at 105.5p, after rumours that the planned debt for equity conversion would be less harsh towards shareholders than first

feared. The move came after a formal confirmation by Euro-namel that Sir Alastair Morton. the co-chairman, is not standing

down at the annual meeting but non-executive. The announce-will continue in office until the ment made clear that Sir Alasdebt question is resolved.

There had been pressure from some banks, including NatWest, to force Sir Alastair Out at the annual meeting. Reflecting the fact that 75 per

cent of Eurotunnel's shareholders are now French, Patrick opposite number, will become after Sir Alastair retires.

Ponsolle, Sir Alastair's French the rise in the share price,

the sole executive co-chairman Eurotunnel is to appoint another British co-chairman to replace Sir Alastair when he does erators and comments by Mr

tair was staying on for the time being at the request of the Eurotunnel board.

Two directors, Graham Corbett, the British finance director, and Berhard Thiolon, are to retire at the AGML Additional factors cited for

which has been steadily recovering since its low of 63p on 3 April, included Eurotunnel's initiative in renewing the price war last week against ferry opleave, but he will be a part-time Ponsolle that it was not

unrealistic to expect an agree-ment with the banks in time for the annual meeting on 27 June.

A company spokeswoman in Paris said: "Today there is no more news than yesterday. We are looking at the rise and we say to each other that there is no real explanation for it. When we say that a deal is not unrealistic, that doesn't say that there is necessarily going to be

a deal before June 27, A stock market trader said: "There are a lot of buying orders from Japanese institutions on rumours about a debt restructuring."

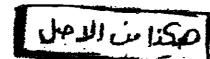
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market report/shares Expectation builds of three big ones in the pipeline

The story running in the stock in banking, engineering and food. over bids are being prepared and at least one will materialise

in the next few weeks. It has so far been a disappointing year for corporate action. There had been hopes of extensive activity before the looming election started to unsettle sentiment. But with the nobtable exception of utilities the expected rush has barely been a trickle and even utilities have threatened more than they have delivered.

With shares drifting aimlessly and investors displaying little enthusiasm it is not surprising that the market is still clinging hopefully to thoughts of heady takeover action.

The cynic will say bid talk is merely an attempt to drum up business and the events of last year, when takeover records were established, have left the

The two Scottish banks and Standard Chartered are regarded as the most likely bank-

Royal Bank of Scotland has for long been seen as predatory fodder and Bank of Scotland, with the Standard Life insurance giant looking to sell its 32.3 per cent stake, is clearly Standard Chartered, the

third name in the banking frame, enjoyed a famous escape 10 years ago when what is now Lloyds TSB launched a hostile bid. Its modest progress yesterday was due to analyti-cal support from NatWest Securities, which moved its profit forecast by £20m to £820m. The shares responded with a 4p gain to 646p, near their 12

Favourite to collect the food bid is Cadbury Schweppes,

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2.5p to 192p.

bile telephones and increasing

talk of harmful side effects from the hand-held instru-

ments. Securicor fell 67p to 2,098p and Vodafone 5.5p to

football clubs, Manchester Utd and Tottenham Hotspur, were

in goal-scoring form on the growing realisation of the huge

With a £4.9bn valuation there are not many suitable candidates. Unilever and a few US groups seems to be the most likely. The shares, off 2p at 481p, have fallen from a 561p

Lucas Industries, merging with Varity of the US, is the en-gineer in the limelight. There is a feeling the Varity deal will flush out a bidder, with an array of engineering names seen as possible players. The shares fell 4p to 241p.
The market ended a lack-

histre session with the FT-SE 100 index off 8.6 points at 3,739.2. BT, up 13p at 368.5p on the more tolerable pricing demands from its regulator tract. Manchester gained 35p to 400p and Spurs 51p to 429p. Caspian, seemingly the vehicle to bring Leeds Utd to market, was suspended at 18.5p. The football excitement was

also supported by the expectwas responsible for a near 5 ed spin-offs from the European points plus which was wiped Cup and growing suspicions out by the 5.4 points reprethat some television groups sented by dividend payments. could be tempted to buy a lead-Ladbroke, a perennial bid ing club. Carlton Communivictim which continues to encations, keen on getting a slice of the action, gained 11p to 495p, BSkyB was ruffled by thoughts of higher taxes, falling courage heavy trading, rose It was not all happy dialling for BT with Oftel probing mo-

3.5p to 446p. Newspapers felt the impact of the latest moves in the price war, with Mirror Group off 4p at 215p and United News & Media 12p at 731p.

The regulatory blast at York-shire Water at one time sank

the shares 72p; they closed just lp off at 729p.Wessex put on 10p to 368p on talk of a US bid. Barchays rose 7p to 758p fol-

television riches they will at-tract. Manchester gained 35p arrival of Bill Harrison could hasten the flotation of its investment arm. Whithread dipped 5p to 724p, ruffled by the uncertainty surrounding David Lloyd, who runs the leisure centres.

> 105.5p on hopes of refinancing progress and Camas, a building materials group, added 25p to 88.5p following a US

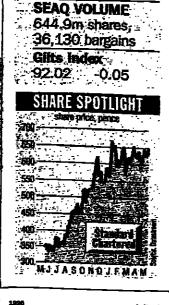
visit by analysts.
Scottish Pride, a milk group,
flowed 13p to 61p on takeover
talks with Robert Wiseman, unchanged at 183p.

Scotia, the drugs business, rose 34p to 729p as Lehman Brothers made confident noises and Microvitec edged ahead 3.5p to ?1p. The shares are firm on hopes of big orders for its flat screen equipment.

Carisbrooke Shipping, with a 14-strong fleet, docked on AIM, achieving 108p against a

Delyn continues to search sale of its packaging busi-

hole in its corporate pocket it is building on its property optrading activities. It no doubt feels a need to extend its



market with an ideas vacuum. The three bids are said to be

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trading operations to make sure its share quote is preserved. The price fell 7p to 74p; it was 103p in December when the packaging business ue at Courtyard Leisure, a ick Sutherland, a former

small wine bar chain, Roderstockbroker, and Richard Capper have acquired 29.9 per cent and taken mana; ment control. They run the Drum and Monkey bar and

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More than fashion is driving the surge in sterling

Trust what investors do, not what they say. In the last few days there has been a marked upsurge in the pound.

For example, against the US dol-lar it has risen from around the \$1.50 level to nudge towards \$1.55. While that may not seem not enough perhaps to make holidays in America seem much cheaper, it is enough to require some sort of explanation particularly when you note that this is not a dollar-related phenomenon, but a rise across the

In fact, if you take the trade-weighted index sterling is at its highest for more than a year.

After languishing in the 82-83 region throughout the winter, it has suddenly shot up to above 86 (see left-hand graph).

So what is the explanation, and what are the further implications, if any, that follow from that?

The shift is very recent, so any explanation is going to be a rough-and-ready one, but it is evident and secure enough for there to be something more than pure fashion as a driving force, though fashion, as argued below, has played a part. It is perhaps most helpful to divide the drivers into three parts; economics, finance, and politics.

term impetus from economic factors usually comes through the impact of growth on interest rate differentials: higher-than-expected growth leading to higher-than-expected short-term interests rates, which make the currency a more at-

tractive place to park spare cash.

There is not much of a shift of

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data. Last week the OECD revised down its UK growth forecast, but that reflects the flow of information in the first three months of the year rather than the most up-to-date data. Since March it has become more clear that the UK recovery will be sustained through this year by the consumer, something not yet evident

in Germany or France. Money supply, consumer lending, house prices and so on all support the idea that there will be a UK mini-boom through the autumn, which should be pushing up base rates by the spring, if not before. By contrast, the first rise in German interest rates could be 18 months off. This is not a strong signal of at sterling lies in its value. By that I do not mean its purchasing power parity, though that - for the very long-term investor - is always a further comfort. Rather I mean the "value-for-money" available in financial assets.

All major bond markets follow pretty much the same profile in the sense that the big shifts in global bond prices are much more important than the relatively small shifts between prices in each of the major markets. You can see how closely UK gilts and German bunds have moved over the last year in the right-hand graph.

Both have swung about, but the gap between the two has remained growth, and it is based on an intu- more or less constant. Timing of en-

Here is a government up to its old trick, trying to inflate its way to popularity

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crunching one. Number-crunchers are still impressed by the lack of growth in manufacturing. But for anyone who wanted to buy sterling anyway, the economic data would give some additional comfort.

Switch to financial factors. One

the individual market.

Nevertheless, within Europe there has been a shift of sentiment in recent months towards the "highyielders", the bond markets of the softer European currencies, on the grounds that if there is not much currency risk, why accept a yield of, say, 7 per cent, when you can get one of 9 per cent.

This has benefited the assets of countries on the periphery of Europe: Nordic bonds, and Italian and Spanish ones. In the last few days there has been some feeling that UK bonds, which fall somewhat be-tween these high-yielders and the core bonds of Germany and France,

have been neglected. Some of sterling's strength may be a reflection this change in the fashion of financial markets, and of course the more the pound does strengthen, the greater the return on sterling-assets for an overseas investor.

But to say there has been a shift of fashion in financial markets begs the question of why this should be. Here perhaps the best answer lies in politics, and in particular a reappraisal of what might happen to UK markets under a change of govern-

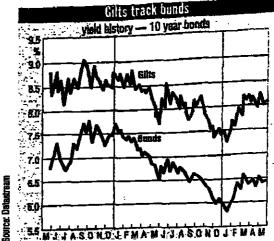
The standard perception in the UK is that, on balance, interest rates and inflation would be slightly higher under a Labour government than a Tory one.
It would follow that a change of

government would be bad for sterling and bad for gilts. In the UK this view may still hold, but abroad perceptions may be different. The bull case for a Labour gov-

erament would have several elements. One would be that, by European standards, a Labour government would be more "normal" than the present Tory one.

judgement on the wisdom of the present government management of its relations with Europe to note that it is behaving in an unusual way. A Labour government would be easier to understand.

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a bullish view would be Labour policy on an independent Bank of England, where it has made a firm

Overseas investors in UK bonds favour of a change of government

of England, other things being equal, the more likely the UK is to improve its relative inflationary

A third rational argument in do not need to make judgements (again from the perspective of an

Number-crunchers are still impressed by the lack of growth in manufacturing

about trends in growth, efficiency, labour markets, enterprise or any of the other things which concern the UK business community.

They are interested solely in the One does not need to make a return on bonds, and this is mainly determined by long-term inflationary prospects.

The lower the inflation, the lower the long-term interest rates and the higher the currency. The more independent the Bank

overseas investor) lies in the way in which the present one seems to have stoked up a mini-boom this autumn. The logic, which may seem slightly convoluted, runs like this. Here is a British government up to its old tricks, trying to inflate its way into

The very behaviour which has buy.

prompted the weakness of the pound over the last few months increases the argument in favour of

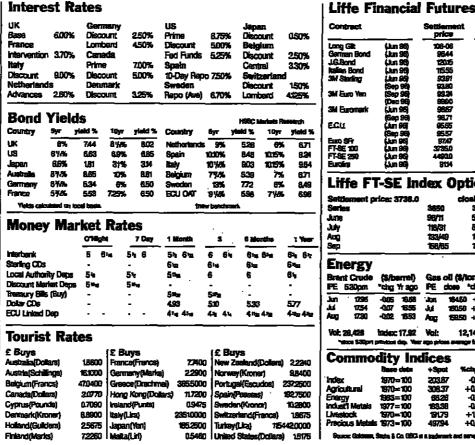
a change of government.
Whether this revisionist view of financial markets under a possible Labour government is right or wrong is irrelevant; nor does it really matter that it is hardly a mail. stream perception. The fact that it is being articulated at all is inter-

esting and new.
Put these together and what emerges is by no means a strong buy signal for the pound. Few people are suggesting, yet, that the longterm post-war secular downtrend in the pound is about to be reversed. (The case for that is much more complicated, relying on differential demography, pension liabilities. trends in competitiveness and so on.) Rather it is that, looking So a different government would on.) Rather it is that, looking not be any worse and might even be around the world, sterling at its prebetter for investors in UK bonds. sent level does not look too bad a

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RICHARD EDMONDSON

When the jockeys turn up at Epsom on Saturday for the Derby one man above all others will be asked for his opinion on the race. He will be one of the few without a ride.

Lester Keith Piggott no longer graces our racecourses. his bottom in the clouds, but come Derby time there is no figure that punters and fellow riders would rather consult. In early June there are more pilgrimages to receive Piggott's knowledge at Newmarket than the oracle at Delphi ever used to attract. When Alan Munro won the 1991 Blue Riband on Generous he partly dedicated his success to the Long Fellow. who had tutored him on the threats of Epsom Downs.

Even when he was a fragile veteran way past his zenith this was always the race that showed Piggott in his pomp. During the very late years he managed to manoeuvre bad horses into good positions and helped them finish closer than they should

have done. This year Piggott, who is still a cavalier on the gallops, is in-volved with a horse which is assuredly not bad, and probably quite outstanding if the old man's private thoughts have been reported correctly. The nine-times winner of the Classie has had some saddle time this spring aboard Shaamit, who will be sent into engagement by Piggott's son-in-law, Willie Haggas.

For broad consumption, the Somerville Lodge trainer tells the horse just once and has been mildly impressed by Shaamit's balance. Other sources will tell thinks the son of Mtoto is up to winning a Derby, even on his seasonal debut.

If Shaamit does win there will doubtlessly be those who suggest there should be further embroidery to Epsom's Piggott Gates, which will be opened for the first time this afternoon. The great man will be depicted on

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Roman Reel (Brighton 4.30) NB: Robamaset (Pontefract 4.45)

the barrier along with his Derby successes, nine Coronation Cups and six Oaks winners. Piggott will be one of 60 jockeys who have ridden in a Derby celebrating at the racecourse this evening. Others include the Australian Ron

to contribute his anecdotes. This gathering is part of much greater promotion for the Classic this year in the wake of a dwindling profile. One praver that has been answered is for a more eclectic Derby, a race that was in danger of becoming a private family sweepstakes between the Maktoums. "The people who are leading con-

spie, the director of racing at United Racecourses, said yesthe world that Piggott has sat on terday. "We've got Paul Kelleway, Mark Tompkins and the Piggott connection with Willie Haggas. There are maybe half you that the former champion a dozen horses who, if they win, people will say 'how wonderful'. There is a glow about the race."

The early messages are en-

couraging. The boat-like Queen's Stand is guaranteed to have people hanging from the gantries like passengers on the litanic after the ice arrived in the bar, while bookings for the Club enclosure are already 50 per cent up on the final figure 12 months ago. The great unknown is how many herds will come to the Serengeti that is the Hill, however. The jungle of competition this weekend includes European Championship football, Test cricket and Grand Slam tennis.

"It's a little nerve-wracking when you consider that 70 per cent of the ocopie you want to turn up are out there and haven't contacted you yet, Gillespie said. "But I think there has been an appreciation Hutchinson and Buster Par- of our efforts and the owners. nell who travels from Denmark trainers, riders and media seemed to have felt a responsibility towards our event.

Despite this upbeat rallying call, Gillespie knows there are thunderbolts waiting if this year's Saturday Derby does not work, the wolves who will insist the event moves back to its midweek slot. "Here we are on the Monday before feeling quite en-thusiastic," he said. "You'd bettenders for the race this year is a huge bonus," Edward Gille-how I really feel."



Trouble afoot fails to upset Even Top

Even Top has given his trainer, Saturday's race, leaving a max-Mark Tompkins, a confidenceshaking scare by pulling out of his box with a poisoned near-fore foot. The colt represents Tompkins's best chance of landing the Derby after finishing a ker away from Mark Of Es-

teem in the 2,000 Guineas. But the hitch is not going to hinder Even Top on Saturday ac-cording to the trainer's assistant. Phil Green. "We took the shoc off for a day and all is now well," Green said. "He was going to have an easy day so the timing could not have been better. A bit of puss came out of the foot and he now has the shoe back on and will canter tomorrow.'

As expected, Mark Of Esteem, Mick's Love and Nash House were among 12 absentees at yesterday's five-day stage for

imum of 22 to enter the stalls. André Fabre withdrew Supreme Commander and Grane Tree Road, leaving France without a Derby runner for only the third time in 20 years. Tasdid is the only Irish entry left and is not a pacemaker for Alhaarth, who carries the same Hamdan Al

Maktoum colours. With most acceptors likely to run, the Derby will have one of its biggest fields of recent years. Although 25 went to post two years ago, a smaller line-up has been more usual, with just 13 runners in 1991 and 12 in 1989.

There was little betting action yesterday but William Hill shortened Shaamit to 12-1 from 14-1 and Ladbrokes reported support for Roger Charlton's Lingfield Trial winner, Mystic

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Knight. He is 16-1 from 20-1, while Storm Trooper, who worked so impressively on Saturday, is solid at 10-1.

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5.15: 1. FOREST HEIGHTS (L Dettor) 20-1; 2. Questonie 4-5 faz: 3. Fanny Holghta 20-1, 13 ran, 50, 50, Mrs J Cecil, Newmar-ket-, Tota: £22 70; £6.60, £1 10, £4.60 DF: £15.00 (SF: £38.28, Tro: £36.10 factionate not won special £2,902.61 corned Place & £509.57. Place 5: £164.84 .. idnot: £46.20.

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WINDSOR 6.30: 1. NOEPROB (\$ Drowner 11-2, 2, Eurobox Boy 5-1: 3, Bold Angel 5-1, 16 ran.

Racegoers at Doncaster on Saturday were yesterday assured they will not miss the Derby. Town Moor's giant screen will show all the action from Epsom while an allcolour racecard will contain the fields for both meetings.

Richard Dunwoody goes to Germany today to ride Multy for Charlie Mann in the Badener Roulette Preis at Baden Baden. The former champion jump jockey's mount has won twice over hurdles in Britain this term but was a beaten favourite at Aintree last time out

Hever Golf Rose attemps to alone for a disappointing reappearance when she lines up for a listed sprint at Taby in Sweden tonight. Paul Eddery's mount needs to leave behind her modest effort when she finished last in the Palace House Stakes at Newmarket last month. The Joe Naughtontrained mare finished third in this six-furlong event last year before making giant strides to become one of the dominant forces of the European sprinting scene. She ended her 1995 campaign with eight wins in five different countries, the undoubted highlight her success in the Prix de l'Abbaye de **PONTEFRACT**

4.45 Fitzwilliam 2.45 Native Rhythm 3.15 Good So Fa 3.45 CARIBBEAN DANCER (nap) 5.45 Three Hills 4.15 Welsh Emblem (nb)

GOENG: Good to Pirm STALLS: Inside. DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5f and 6f.

■ Left-hand, undulating course.
■ Course is one rule north west of town on A610. Pontefract (Monkhill) rail attation (regular service from Leeds and Wakefield) one mile away. Tanshelf station (service from Wakefield) adjoins course AD8058100: Club 512; Paddock 58; Silver Ring 53.50. CAR

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I LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: Mrs J Rameden — 29 winners from 143 namers give a success ratio of 20.5% and a profit to a 51 level stake of 515.03; Mrs M Beweley — 21 winners, 122 runners, 17.2%, ~517.55; E Hollinshead — 18 winners, 161 runners, 11.2%, ~530.77; E Stoute — 10 winners, 33 runners, 30.5%, ~54.64. [6] Funners, 11-26, \$30.77; \$2.8004te — 10 winners, 30 runners, 30.39; \$4.00.

LEADING JOCKEYS: K Fallon — 35 winners, 163 rides, 21.59; \$4.58.13; L Dettori — 26 winners, 111 rides, \$3.19; \$4.9.76; K Darley — 19 winners, 183 rides, 10.49; \$80.12; W Bynn — 17 winners, 87 rides, 19.5%; \$52.30.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Himma Story (visored, 3.15).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Gretna Green (4.15) has been sent 240 miles by Lady Hernes from Angmenup Park, West Sussex, Sevendipity (3.45) sent \$36 miles by J Darlop from Jonaled West Sussex.

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7		MYSTIC CIRCLE IP I Ference & F.A.P.Chicarren, J.W.Wates 8 11				
9		NATIVE RHYTHM .45: 8 V Sancater P Chapple-Hyam 8 11				
9		PROVICESS OF HEARTS (Crevers Park Study N. Haggas & 11				
10		VAGABOND CHANTELISE N' P Green Ethermatin 8 11				

BETTING: 9-4 Native Rhythm, 7-2 Dandel, 9-2 Action Hall, 5-1 Princess Of Hearts, 7-1 Mystic Circle, 8-1 LyciRy, 15-1 April Jackson, 3-1 others 1995: Mystx 19700 2 8 11 J Part 2 1 IP Chapple Hyami S ran

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Write Carson is booked for Peter Chapple Halm 9 newcomer NATIVE RHYTHM, a daughter of Lyous and from the yard mat won this with Mystic Tempo 1.2 months ago, she has been showing up well on the galfops and may have the legs of Borry Hilbs's Machavellian debutante Dundel. Denebili Princess wants this sach lurtang and is back with Frankie Derion after her third to Antonia 8 Choice over Chester's sharp his two outings ago. There is pierty of paper of the pedigere of Princess Of Hearts and the stable is making few mischakes this season. Brent Thomson takes pierty, of nides for Peter Chapple-Hyam, but he nides Bill Watto' newcomer Mystic Circle in this.

Selection: NATIVE RHYTHM

3.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES (ROUND 2) SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m Penalty Value

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BETTING: 7-1 Champagne N Dreams, 8-1 Elife Racing, 9-1 Henza Story, Langtonien, 10-1 Adelocido, Hasilies, 12-1 Absolute Rafer, Branchies Way, 16-1 Tame Deer, 16-1 Bellard Lady, Good So Fa, 20-1 Nets O'To Heids, Hong Kong Designer, 26-1 others 1995: Poo To Starts & 8-12 Evadoch Tumer 12-1 / Pearce: 19 ran

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A big field of you, moderate types and, while it's possible History sould improve for the list-time visor, this is a good opportunity for CHAMPACHEN IN DREAMS, who won a little root on her second start last season. It could be the same story this year with Champagno N Dreams morely set up for this bad seller after her seasonal sidt to Alaberig at Rectain pagno N Dreams mach, set up for this bad selber after her seasonal sinds to Alabeng at Redoar a week ago. Her form deteriorated after her win and getting her fresh is the answer. Hundle Sony will be well notice by to Hunnam and the visor could make all the difference. Hundle Sony will be well notice by to Hunnam and the visor could make all the difference highly second to Shabanaz in a clumor at Redoar Brambles Way lacks the pace to will ever in this web's league, but Mazdian saddle slipped last time) has a fine chance on her jill-weather with sague, but Mazdian saddle slipped last time) has a fine chance on her jill-weather with short on the saddle slipped last time) has a fine chance on her jill-weather with short on a condomn race without the ad last time. She did his show much in the brinds last term and Langtonian, beaten half a length by Este Roang of Musschlugh, is now 10th brate off in this handcoop. Absolute Ruler also emerges with a chance after freshing that in the Musschlugh race and his prospects have increased for the booking of the highly competent Alan Eddeny, who shone on Cestano at Bath last Friday.

A E KALAMAZOO G.M.S. SECURITY TICKET HANDICAP (CLASS

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FORM GLIDE Lynda Rattsden will be sweet on the chance of Fallywings now they have found the fly's best top, but she can be threated by CARIBBEAN DANCER, who looks woll in at the weights after her Thisp's win which followed some nice showings or maidens. She has a handicep rating of just 74 despite an 11-length fourth to Dorby hopp Dustryomor or a juvernie. Progressing neety efter a fifth to Frequent at Thisp and the Thirsh with force is no worn, formation observed Market States of Streets and States of Streets and States of Streets and Streets States of Streets and Streets States of Streets and Streets States of States of Streets States of Streets States of Streets States of States States of States mse recording Michael Stoute's stable, which has taken off in recent days. Fairvumes went

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4.15 FERRYBRIDGE FLYERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 6f Penalty Value £3,631 DUELAT DIGNN (10) ISheith Mohammed) / Gosden 3 ! WELSH EMBLEM (12) (Moham Razmo G Wage 3 9 0 WELSH EMBLEM (123 Mobes Razing G Wagg 3 9 0 M Hille 15
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ich Esemy, Detem, 14-1 Merity, Spendret, 16-1 ethers 996: Courageous Camer 3 8 6 J O'Deyer 7-4 (B Hankuryl 7 ran The principal contenders for this margen are down in distance, but one who should be suf-ed by the switch is DUEL AT DAWN, whose dam Gayane was a decent sprinter with Henry Circl. To be beaten at Warwick by a John Bosley runner (Pusey Storet Grif) hardly inspires confidence, but Duel At Down led to this distance so there is soft hope for her over today's so. Geoff Wragir urs: Welsh Exoblem, who was the stable's second string to Prime Light (third) when a pleasing fourth to Stip Jig at Salisbury (Ti) on her debut. She's bred for longer trups, but this has to rate a weak nace and Duel At Down will have to get home to best her. Detectament is not certain to want this shorrer trip after her Haydock, fifth to Sandhill, while Dark Doed may not be statedby the extra furiong after her Beverley that of Allagor Quality when badly drawn. Spandrel is from an in-form stable but has shown little in two starts, but Arch Enseny is thought capable of better having started favourise on both starts when Schedolog Duel. AT DAWN

4.45 ROPERGATE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £4,400

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FORM GUIDE

Luca Cumans went for a big prise in Italy with ROBAMASET a month ago, but the colf managed only fifth of 12 to one of the locals. This market has a week look about it and Robamaset can win it on his juvenite fruith to Saker Dome at Newmarket, in which race Elisabath finished 12 lengths behind him. Elisabath divery little here on his reappearance and needs to improve, though his stable has hit better form since. On his reoppearance, Robamaset frinched a creditable fifth of 16 to Dowaly at Newmarket, just three lengths behind Ambassador (fourth), who was in a strong maden with by Legal Right at Chester afterwards. There is a better word from Lamboum about newcomer Upper Gallery. This race is not that strong so the son of Sadler's Wells has to rate a Ganger. Lakeline Leigenich has been shaping as waiting further, but there is staying power in the pedigese of the newcomer filty Flamasawa, whose dam Nemeas won as a three year-old and then went close against Guy Harwood's Hiberman Gold in the Main Reef Stakes at Newmarket over today's trip.

Selection: ROBAMASET

5.15 IRONBRIDGE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £4,013

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Cellida Star, thad to a decent handscapper in Tessage at Thirsk on her reappearance, is in this handscap off an 8th lower rating than Maunes Camacho's getding. But perhaps the trace-laced LDRD OF THE MANOR is the one to be on after shaping well behind Classic Find at Rectar and their botting up glanist poor reads at Muserburgh, Ground Genes seemed to lack the necessary experience to get back at Nidraliss Rephrew when a hot favourite at Newbury after her easy conditions race with at Doncaster. She's now off an 8th Righer mank had looks bestable over this longer true. Orlinoos River had his day at Chester in the first order visor, but the faster ground should see a better run from nursery winter Newby Nathers. Keen Fallon cannot do the weight on either of Lynda Ramadeins, par (Northern Metotics is the pick with Lindsay Charnock booked) and he nides Recall To Mind (well beaten on reappearance) for Tim Easterby.

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BETTING: 11.4 Three Hills, 9-2 Mallock, 9-1 Tabl, 6-1 Shiftington, 13-2 Gold Lance, 8-1 Ha Safet, 10-1 Amusing Aside, 12-1 Random Rodness, Secret GR7, 14-1 others

FORSE CLEDE

COLD LANCE, whose dam is a helf-sizer to Rawnella, will have learned a lot from his de but run behind Sharibu, who is still in the Derby, at Sardown a week ago. That expensions will stand him in good stead against the newcomers Mallook (stablemate of Sharibou) and Dand Morley's Surfet, a Caericon half-sister to Karaylo, a Lebestre women (70) for Morey 12 months ago.

Selection: GOLD LANCE

French test for injury-hit Wales

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

The loss of his most experienced back, John Devereux, is just another in a series of blows for the

Welsh coach, Clive Griffiths. Devereux has broken his ankle and joins the lengthening list of first-choice players who will niss the match against France in Carcassonne tomorrow night which opens Wales' defence of

the European Championship. Gareth Davies, the former Welsh Student captain now on Warrington's books, will come in for Devereux in a side who will now include a heavy sprinkling of uncapped players. Also among the newcomers will be Gareth Stephens, signed by Hull on a permanent deal from Castleford after a month on loan, at scrum-half and Keighley's Jason Critchley in the three-quarter line.

"We have gone to France with weakened sides before and managed to win," said Griffiths. "We will be calling on the Dunkirk spirit."

Griffiths has included the Wigan hooker, Martin Hall, among his substitutes despite the fear his contract with the Australian Rugby League could force him to pull out. His team-mate and fellow substitute Neil Cowie is doubtful with a shoulder injury and missed training yesterday, but a rare piece of good news is that the St Helens forward Chris Morley has opted to use his grandparental qualification to play for Wales. He will come into the squad if either Hall or Cowie has to withdraw.

The French side is based on the Paris St-Germain club that is struggling to hold its own in Super League, but two signifi-cant exceptions are the Sheffield Eagles centre Jean-Marc Garcia and Gael Tallec, who is on the fringe of Wigan's first team. The Challenge Cup final will be played at Wembley next sea-

son despite hints of a switch to Twickenham. It will take place a week later than usual, on 3 May. Widnes have signed two young reserves from St Helens,

Phil Waring and Gareth Cunningham, on three-year contracts. The former Great Britain winger Des Drummond, who has been working as fitness coach for Chorley, is to make a playing comeback for the club at Hunslet next Sunday.

Coutts has sights on bonus

Salling STUART ALEXANDER

Played two, won two, and Russell Coutts is two-thirds of the way to winning the biggest bonus in competitive sailing, the \$250,000 (£160,000) on offer from Fabergé to anyone who can win three of their five match-racing grand prix events in a season.

Life was made a little tougher in San Francisco for the New Zealander, who did not lose a race on his way to winning the opening event of the year, the Lymington Cup. He was pushed by California's king of the water, Paul Cayard, before winning the best-of-five semi-final, 3-2. He had no problems with his opponent in the final, Morgan Larson, winning 3-0. Now Coutts has only to win

one of the remaining three races - at Sète, France, next week, New York in September or Bermuda in October - to pocket the prize, though un-doubtedly his crew of Simon Daubney, Brad Butterworth and Warwick Fleury would be hoping to share in the spoils. It is an objective that Courts,

who could not contest the events last year because of America's Cup-winning commitments, has felt is well within his reach. He also has his sights on claiming back the No 1 slot in the world ranking, held by Ed Baird, the American who was his coach in San Diego. Cayard has moved from southern to northern California

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to lead the St Francis Yacht Club's AmericaOne challenge for the America's Cup, which Courts will defend in Auckland in 2000. Cayard has already recruited the designer Bruce Nelson and tactician John Kostecki from John Marshall's Pact 2000, which produced the 1995 defender boat, Young America, and which is masterminding the New York Yacht Club's challenge.

The principal backer of the San Francisco club is Jim Clark, a founder of Silicon Graphics. Their budget is expected to be in excess of \$30m (£20m). The European Championship has grown from unpromising beginnings into an event second only to the World Cup. Ken Jones reports

England left behind at the starting gate



England and West Germany met in in the 1972 Euro-11196 pean Championship semi-finals, Helmut Schön

learned to his disappointment that Alf Ramsey was characteristically unmoved by a clamour for new faces.

Reflecting on the advantage of a 3-1 victory in the first leg at Wembley two weeks earlier, West Germany's manager said, "Of course, I thought it unlikely, but if Ramsey had chosen a team to attack us, the one I'm told England newspapers have been demanding, we would have won easily,

maybe scored four or five goals."
A 0-0 draw left Ramsey facing the ridiculous charge of being concerned solely with saving face, the atmosphere afterwards so bitter that a couple of England players had to be restrained from aiming blows at

If time was running out for Ramsey, who lost his job after failing to qualify England for the 1974 World Cup finals, Schon was approaching the zenith of his career. Inspired by Franz Beckenbauer's imaginative sorties out of defence and with Günther Netzer, however briefly, in peak form, West Germany beat the Soviet Union 3-0 in the final, and won the World Cup in their homeland two years later. "Winning the World Cup was my greatest thrill," Schön would say in retirement, "but I think the team of 1972 was the best I ever sent out, fulfilling all my expectations with

that marvellous win at Wembley." In view of England's unimpressive record in major tournaments – apart from 1966 they have only once got as far as the last four in the World Cup and never contested a European Championship final - it is interesting to recall that the Germans feared them. "I suppose we had grown up with the idea of England being a great power in football and that was strengthened when they beat us in 1966. I remember vividly how we felt in 1972, sitting in the dressing-room

before before the game, thinking that we would be extremely fortunate to win against such a powerful team."

That year saw the beginning of Germany's rise to pre-eminence in European football. They reached the next two finals, losing on penalties to Czechoslovakia in 1976 and defeating Belgium 2-1 four years later. Suprisingly, they squandered home advantage in 1988 but reached the final again in 1992 when they lost to Denmark

Launched in 1958 as the European Nations Cup - typically, England were not among the 17 countries who entered (the Republic of Ireland were put out by Czechoslovakia in a preliminary round), the European Championship was won first by the Soviet Union, who had the great Lev

Yashin in goal when they defeat-ed Yugoslavia 2-1 after extra time in

It was not the most auspicious of starts. Held in France in July, the latter stage of the championship excited no great interest, the final be fortunate to win' floodlights at the

Parc des Princes attracting only by Moore to head the only goal 17,966 spectators. British newspapers practically ignored it.

England were among the 29 nations who entered for the next championship, begining in 1962, but were more or less on their way out when Alf Ramsey took over shortly after they had been held to a 1-1 draw by France in Sheffield. A new manager, but for England the same old story - a 5-2 defeat when the teams met again in Paris.

Although the Dutch were not yet a power in the game, their elimination by Luxembourg was the championship's first sensation. Having agreed to play both matches on Dutch soil, Luxembourg drew 1-1 in Amsterdam and proved it was no fluke by winning 2-1 in Rotterdam a month later.

in Madrid when Marcelino sent a diving header past Yashin with only five minutes of normal time left.

In attempting to qualify for the 1968 finals, the four British teams were allowed to play all in the same group, simultaneously with the British Championship. A new set of regulations split entrants into eight groups. The eight group winners would then contest the quarter-finals in four two-leg ties, with four winners going forward to the final tour-

Back-to-back victories over Spain suggested that England would add the European crown to their world championship but the warm-up that brought their first ever defeat by West Germany

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proved a bad 'We had grown up Seven mem-bers of the World Cup-winning England being a team turned out great power... we

but England lost a bitterly contested match when Dragan Dzajic outjumped Bob-

shortly before half-time. And with two minutes left, Alan Mullery became the first England player to be sent off at senior level. Italy defeated Yugoslavia 2-0 in a replayed final and it would be 22 years before England again got as

close to winning a major champi-A dubious second-half penalty awarded to Yugoslavia prevented Wales from reaching the semi-finals in 1976 where probably they would

West Germany. West Germany further strengthened their reputation in 1980 when making a third consecutive appearance in the final, Horst Hrubesch's ter, the criticism Graham Taylor had

have faced the eventual runners-up,

pearances in the final, the Soviet Union were fancied to defeat Spain gium and Italy, were left only with the embarrassment caused when gangs of their supporters rioted in Turin.

In the 1984 championship, one name stood out. Michel Platini. He led France with guile and style, saving his best appropriately for the final against Spain in Paris, scoring one of the goals in a 2-0 victory. If Bobby Robson's failure to qualify Eng-land was a miserable experience for the new manager worse was to follow four years later.

By then the European Championship had grown to match even the World Cup in importance, attracting large crowds to Germany's stadiums and extensive television coverage. The Netherlands had a team to compare with that which reached two consecutive World Cup finals in the Seventies. Now there was Marco van Basten, Ruud Gullit, Ronald Koeman and Frank Rijkaard.

Having outplayed England in Group Two of the final tournament, they met West Germany in the semifinals and gained a joyfully received 2-1 victory that avenged a loss to their neighbours in the 1974 World Cup final The Soviet Union had impressed with their craft and pace but proved no match for the Dutch in the final.

Pilloried in newspapers and on television after England lost all three of their matches, Robson thought seriously about resigning but remained, almost reaching the 1990 World Cup final.

Two years later Denmark staged the most remarkable campaign in European Championship history. Replacing Yugoslavia at the last minute, Denmark had to summon players back from holiday and had no time for concentrated preparation. Three points in Group One got them through to the semi-finals where they kept their nerve to de-feat the Netherlands in a penalty shoot-out. Even so, few imagined them capable of the 2-0 defeat they inflicted on Germany in the final.

For England it was another disasl in Rotterdam a month later. two goals securing a 2-1 victory over to endure hinting he would serve but Making the second of four ap-Belgium. England, who finished briefly as national team manager.





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Ruud Gullit's performance as a pundit will demonstrate CHAMPIONSHIP COUNTDOWN

one of Dutch football's greatest strengths, the intelligence and tactical awareness of their players. That he will be doing this from a television studio underlines that this strength is also a weakness. While Gullit would not

necessarily be in the current Dutch side he certainly left it too early, just as Johan Cruyff did before him. Sometimes it is possible for players to know too much. As Bobby Robson said when coaching PSV Eindhoven: "When you take off an English player he sits on the bench. When you take off a Dutch player he wants to argue about it." This belief that the player

knows more than the coach has left several Dutch managers frustrated as the team under-achieved. The latest, Guus Hiddink, did not take long to catch the mood as his team lost their first two matches, the second after No 10 Netherlands

the Ajax players had refused to play, citing fixture congestion. With the row over, Hiddink then played seven of them in a vital qualifying match in Prague three days after Ajax had won the European Cup. It was too soon, and the Netherlands were left to scramble into the finals through a play-off.

Their performance at Anfield against the Republic of Ireland led many people to tip them as potential champions. However, that verdict did not take into account the decline of the Irish team, nor consequent problems. The biggest of these is on the wings, an area so crucial to the shape of the side.

Marc Overmars is injured and there is no one quite like him. With Hiddink rejecting the English-based trio of Glenn Helder, Regi Blinker and Bryan Roy, the wings will be filled by two from Gaston Taument, Peter Hoekstra and Ronald de Boer.

The latter two are among nine Ajax players in the squad. For all their quality, it is a perilous dependence given the long season and bitter conclusion Aiax have suffered. On the credit side is the

availability of Patrick Kluivert and Jordi Cruyff. Kluivert escaped a custodial sentence for his part in a fatal road accident while Jordi chose to play for the land of his father rather than the land of his upbringing. Jordi will have to settle for a

place in the squad rather than the team, as Dennis Bergkamp is earmarked to play as the split striker behind Kluivert. Behind them is a midfield bulging with versatility and drive. Edgar Davids and Clarence Seedorf are capable of playing a number of roles, while Aron Win-

ter often outshone Paul Gascoigne at Lazio.

The defence is Ajax's, and they do not give many goals away. At its heart is Danny Blind, playing his last round of internationals and seeking to erase the pain of this year's European Cup defeat. He is suspended for the opening game against Scotland. The Netherlands have scored

more goals and won more games than any team in the championship's history, but they have won the event only once, in 1988. They were favourites when they went out on penalties at the semi-final stage four years later. Relative failure at the 1990 and 1994 World Cups means the current team has grown up in the shadow of 1988.

With the Bosman ruling perhaps placing Ajax at a cross-roads, now is the time for the present generation to make their mark - if they have the energy and the will.

Glenn Moore

Time for talented individuals to start achieving **New contract for Brown confirmed** Player to watch



Edgar Davids

player in the side but probably the most effective – as Milan recognised by securing him for next season. The epitome of Dutch footballing principles, the 23-year-old appears able to play anywhere and often does. The Netherlands, like Ajax, have chosen to play him on the left of midfield, but that is nominal. Surinam-bom, he came through the youth systern at Ajax, where he was nicknamed "Pit Bull".

committee have invited Craig to continue his successful man-

Not the most glamourous

Craig Brown and Guus Hiddink, the managers of England's Euro 96 group rivals, Scotland and the Netherlands, were yesterday given two-year extensions to their contracts. Jim Farry, the Scottish Foothall Association's chief executive, said: "The international

agement role and he has accepted the challenge. Brown will decide on his backroom team shortly, but he has already indicated that he wants Alex Miller, the Hibernian manager, to continue as his assistant. Miller will be with Brown over the next month at the European

Championship finals. Brown has already started planning for the 1998 World Cup finals in France, and he sent a member of his backroom staff to watch Sweden as they beat Belarus 5-1. The SFA has set aside a £350,000 bonus to be split among their players if they qualify for France.

Asked why the offer had come before the finals. Yule Craig Scotland's international committee chairman; said: "We make our decision on the competitive matches which have taken place and Craig's record to date, and

we are very happy with that." Brown and his squad flew back to Britain after losing to the United States and Colombia in America. The squad will reassemble on Thursday before beginning their preparations to face the Dutch. Brown and Miller will make a flying visit to Rotterdam today to watch the Netherlands in action against the Republic of Ireland.

Hiddink will manage the Dutch side until after the 1998 World Cup. His contract was due to expire after Euro 96, which the Dutch are 5-1 second favourites to win.

Schumacher shows courage of conviction

Motor racing DERICK ALLSOP

reports from Barcelona

It was with unbridled relish that Bernie Ecclestone, Formula One's impresario, gave his assent to the swell of conviction that Michael Schumacher was back in the contest for the world championship.

Of course, he thought the German could now go on and win a third title. His "fantastic" drive through torrential rain in Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix here had thrown down the gauntlet to Damon Hill.

In Italy, Bernie's blessing will ring as loud as the bells of Maranello, but then Schu-macher's victory and Hill's demise had been a godsend to Ecclestone. No one has put burns on expensive circuit seats the way this champion does and suddenly he has opened up the prospect of an enthralling scrap for the title when a boring pro-cession appeared more probable.

Before the race, Hill had acknowledged he was embarking on a crucial period of the season. He sensed the opportunity to tighten his grip on the championship and carry it out of his rivals' reach. Instead, he is chal-

lenged merely to keep hold. Jacques Villeneuve, his Williams-Renault team-mate, now has renewed hope, espein Canada, his home country. But the more serious threat to ing by 17 points, the German who revels in Hill's discomfort. Williams have confirmed the

set-up of Hill's car was altered on the grid, minutes before the start of Sunday's race, and their intuition proved misguided. Villeneuve's car was untouched. Hill, who must have consented to the change, was honest enough to accept responsibility for that and his subsequent errors.

Hill had also expressed con-cern about the reliability of Re-in last year's championship by nault's engines, to the apparent embarrassment of his bosses and irritation of their French parmers, who pointedly remarked that their product had functioned without problem on Sunday. The pressure on Hill may well

intensify. Schumacher is testing a new nose on the Ferrari this week and it could be used in Montreal on Sunday week. He has insisted all along that the Ferrari would not be capable of competing consistently for wins until mid-season and the Canadian Grand Prix completes the first half of the champi-

Schumacher has fashioned Ferrari's campaign to his own liking to his own tried and trusted pattern. The team, having invested \$25m (£16m) a year for his services, have willingly gone along with his demands for a concentrated effort cially as the next grand prix is on their No 1 driver. He has also revealed a <u>human</u> side that

many suspected was not there.

the Englishman will be expect-ed from the other driver trail-work of the humblest test mechanic and joining in impromptu games of football during breaks.

His signing was greeted cool-ly by Italians and he, in turn, made no attempt to woo their hearts with empty expressions of affection. It is not in his nature. He preferred to earn the respect and support of the tifosi through his performances on the track. He made his decisive move

> winning here and Hill was nev er able to respond. Schumacher, too, is content to go along with the opinion that he could be heading for the title again. "Yes, I think I can win it," he said. "The championship is open and there is still a long way to go. The next two races will be very important." Just what

> > TODAY'S NUMBER .

26,000

The number of season tickets that Middlesbrough have sold for next season. The eary sell-out may prompt the Premiership club to fill in two comers at the Riverside Stadium to increase capacity to

At the end of the first lap, I wasn't able to see anything at all. Visibility was nil

I was extremely disappointed with my performance in Spain - and a little bit cross. The car had been so brilliant during the warm-up, when it was wet. But between that 30minute practice session on Sunday morning and the race itself, the conditions deteriorated considerably.

The set-up, which had worked so well on my Rothmans-Williams-Renault in the morning, made it almost impossible to stay on the track, and eventually I didn't. Twice I left the road before going off for good, and I've got no one to blame but myself. I can only put it down to

I pride myself on being able to drive in all conditions. In Monaco I was the rain master, but in Spain I was the spin master. A good opportunity to extend my lead in the championship was lost.

While sitting on the grid, I made my feelings known to the team that the race should start under the safety car, a situation which would at least get the race under way while we cruised round behind the The conditions were ex-

tremely hazardous and the

problem was that there was

no let up. It's difficult to

know what to do in a situa-

tion like that. You can't run

an entire grand prix under the control of the safety car - the race has to start sometime. But when? If anything, the rain came down even harder not long after the start.

I got off the line OK, but

then I let the engine revs drop too much. I didn't get enough acceleration and two cars went past me. I was in trouble from then on. At the end of the first lap, I wasn't able to see anything at all. As we went down the

main straight, I couldn't see the car in front. I couldn't see the car behind and I didn't see any yellow flags warning that there was trou-I suddenly noticed a car parked on the right-hand

side of the track, and moments later, I saw a couple of cars on the left with marshals working on them. When I reached that point, I was no more than 100 yards away from the hazard. At the speeds we were do-

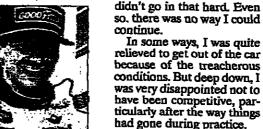
ing, visibility was more or less nil. Three laps into the race, I had already thrown away two of the rip-offs from my visor because of the sheer quantity of water that was getting in everywhere and making it impossible to see. The conditions on Sunday were as. bad as anything I've driven in. But by this stage, I was sim-



ply struggling to keep the car

I had two or three incidents there I more or less lost my braking point going into a corner. The rear of the car locked up and I slid on to the gravel trap. On two occasions managed to get away with it. I was not so lucky on the

celerate when I just lost it. It's quite quick at that point even in the rain - and I found myself heading towards the same place where Heinz-Harald Frentzen suffered a massive accident during the warm-up.



on the road.

Coming into the pit straight, I had started to ac-

I was bracing myself for a hefty impact with the concrete wall, but luckily the car

so, there was no way I could In some ways, I was quite relieved to get out of the car because of the treacherous conditions. But deep down, I

> had gone during practice. I was really pleased with our progress during the weekend, and all the signs were good. Barcelona was a circuit which really gave us a chance to exploit the potential of the car and I had quite a healthy

advantage, Looking back on it now, my performance in the warm-up made me believe I had everything right for the race. However, it became rapidly apparent in the first few laps that conditions were appreciably worse and the car had not been adapted enough for driving through a three-mile

long car wash. The rain was falling as hard as it could, and even 20 cars going around the track weren't clearing any of it

away. Visibility was diabolical, There's no point in getting upset about it now: it's over. I've posted two retirements in a row and that has been a setback to my championship at-

didn't go in that hard. Even tack. I still have a 17-point margin as we head towards the half-way point of the 16race season

> After Jacques Villeneuve. my team-mate, had an engine failure during qualifying, I was asked by the press about Renault's performance. I didn't deny that the Rothmans-Williams-Renault team were concerned about the questions of reliability and performance. Naturally, everyone is very concerned about

Renault is well aware of the situation and is fighting hard to give us some more performance, particularly for the next race in Canada. I have every confidence in them being able to step up to the chal-

Montreal is a track where horsepower really counts. even more so this year because they have removed one these conditions. It was like of the chicanes, and that will make the straight even longer for 1996, but returns the circuit to its pre-1994 layout which will benefit the most

powerful cars. Jacques finished third on Sunday and I'm sure he'll be on peak form in Montreal for his home race. I've never The most crucial fact is that won the Canadian Grand Prix, but this year I will be looking to set that right. Copyright Damon Hill Racing

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Tufnell turns the tide for Middlesex

Cricket

ROUND-UP

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Lord's Middlesex 447 & 171-4 dec Yorkshire 275 & 322 (Middlesex win by 21 runs)

When this fascinating last day ended. Yorkshire may quite reasonably have felt that 10 minutes of rain had cost them the victory which would have taken them to the top of the Championship table. With 19 overs left, they needed 89 to win and Michael Bevan and Craig White had already put on 90 in

England's Dominic Cork frus-

trated Surrey at The Oval ves-

terday to earn Derhyshire an unlikely draw and 10 valuable

An unbroken last-wicket stand

of 74, lasting 87 minutes, between Cork (82) and the injured Paul Aldred (7) pulled Derbyshire

back from the brink at 172 for 9

to end 246 for 9 after they had

been set 354 to win. Surrey were

not helped by the loss of Martin Bicknell. By tea he had taken 5

for 17 in nine overs but a groin

Surrey had batted on for al-

most 90 minutes as they took

their overnight score from 199

for 2 to 345 for 3 declared. They

had to do this without their can-

tain. Alec Stewart, who was with

his wife in hospital where she

had gone for tests the night be-

fore. The run-making was left

to Hollioake (71no) and Ally

Brown (50no). Stewart rejoined

injury prevented him resuming.

Championship points.

Cork denies Surrey

came out again Yorkshire now who was taking every opportuhad 16 overs to score 89.

A hold-up like this can so easily break concentration. And after Bevan had scored five off Angus Fraser's first three balls White pulled the fourth high to deep square leg.

delightful hundred two overs later, and Richard Blakey settled in well. The target became 66 from the last 10 overs and when, in the second of these, Blakey swept Phillip Tufnell for six and four Yorkshire were back on course.

While Tufnell was bowling from the Nursery End, Fraser was in operation at the Pavilion It was then that the rain in-tervened, and when the players wicket to the left-handed Bevan,

The Worcestershire captain,

Tom Moody, completed his second Championship century of

the season with an unbeaten 138

in a rain-ruined draw with

An 80-minute hold-up after

lunch disrupted any plans for a

declaration, although Moody

could have pulled out at that

stage and set the visitors a target at around six runs an over.

Instead, Worcestershire batted

on between the showers, ex-

tending their lead to 326 as

Moody and fourth-wicket part-

ner Reuben Spiring (82) put on

159 towards a total of 288 for 4.

hopes of a result in Nottingham-

shire's match against Durham at Trent Bridge – although the

draw when the rain intervened.

Play was abandoned at 4.30pm. Nottinghamshire could

draw satisfaction from turning

the game round after being

forced to follow on 186 runs be-

hind. They finished on 408 for

Heavy rain also ruined any

Hampshire at New Road.

nity to cut him. The shot had brought him good runs and he had played and missed a time or two as well.

Fraser showed his experience and skill and bowled one a fraction too far up for the cut Bevan went on to reach a and slightly too close to the batsman as well. Bevan went for the stroke and was caught behind, and when Blakey was brilliantly caught low down by Jason Pooley at deep square leg off Tufnell in the next over the Yorkshire challenge was effectively over.

> But the lower order continued the chase and perished. Peter Hartley swung Tufnell to deep square leg, and Alexander Morris came down the pitch to Tufnell, hesitated and was bowled. With two overs left, Darren Gough, who should have been thinking of the three points a draw would have given Yorkshire, holed out at long-on. Then, Mike Gatting rounded things off for Middlesex next ball by throwing out Richard

Stemp from cover. At the start of the day, Yorkshire needed another 330 and made a bad start when Anthony McGrath was leg before, shuffling across his stumps to the second ball of the morning. The only other wicket to fall before lunch was that of David Byas, who was bowled playing

across the line at David Follett. The afternoon saw the de-parture of Michael Vaughan, who had defended stoutly for 65 overs while scoring 67. By then, Bevan, the most charming of batsmen with a felicitous touch which seems to be the pregame was drifting towards a rogative of most left-handers,

was looking in excellent touch. He is a lovely, concise, stroke-maker with a style which is completely unfussy and based on his fast and precise footwork. His partnership with White so nearly saw Yorkshire home if only it had not been for the rain.

Fell (cont): 3-213.
Did not bet: C C Lews, B P Julian, tG J Kersey, M P Bicknell, R M Pearson,
Bowling: Malcolm 11-2-39-0; Cork 101-40-1; Hamis 14-2-68-0; Barnett 170-99-2; Aldred 4.4-0-43-0; Jones

6.5-0-23-0; Rollins 2-0-25-0; Adams 1

JE Owen c Butcher b M P Bicknet
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D G Cork not out
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C M Wells c Holhoake b Julian28

nell 1-0-4-0; Thorpe 1-1-0-0. Umpires: N T Plews and P Willey.

Hampshire won toss

Worcestershire v Hampshire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire (9pts) drew with Hampshire (9).

WORCESTERSHIRE - First Innings 431. iK R Spiring 144, G A Hick 1231.

HAMPSHIRE - First havings 393 for 7 dec (A N Aymes 100no, J P Stephen-son 74, G W White 66, S D Udal 50no).

WORCESTERSHIRE - Second Immings

G A Hick c White b Connor

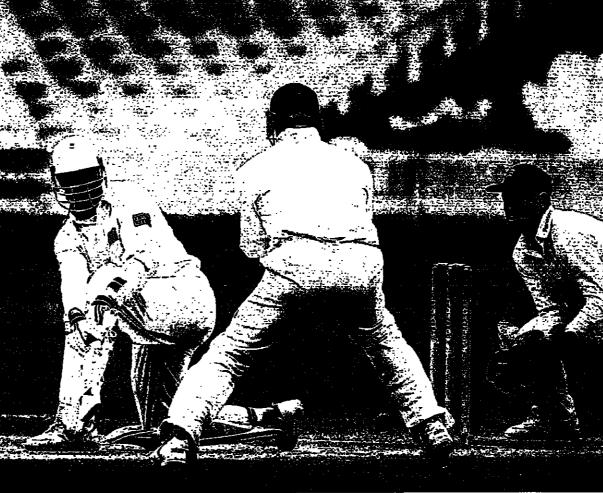
Tetley's Challenge Series

draw.
RDBA - First immings 305 for 3 dec (M. Azhanudur 111no. V. Rathore 71, R. Drawd S8no).
LEICESTERSHRE - First immings 318 for 5 dec (A. Habb 90, D. L. Maddy 61, P. V. Lawrens 52, V. I. Weits 52).

Leicestershire v india

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SURREY - Second Innings (Saturday: 199 for 2) A J Stewart ret not out G P Thorpe tox b Barnett



Michael Vaughan's measured innings yesterday gave Yorkshire a platform which their tail wasted

Impressive Pollock takes the plaudits

MICHAEL AUSTIN

reports from Northampton Northamptonshire 314 & 174 Warwickshire 447 & 44-1 (Warwickshire win by 9 wickets)

This season has not exactly been a picnic for the Bears. Down in the Midlands backwoods, they've sure had a big surprise. But matching the standards of five titles in the past two summers would tax even the richest in playing terms.

Unpopular they remain, because of their success and maybe because of their captain,

Dermot Reeve, with his unorthodox tactics.

But he is a winner. So are Warwickshire, as they were again yesterday. A 24-point maximum rocketed the champions up the table after a match that gained Shaun Pollock their new all-rounder from South Africa - just about universal applause from North-amptonshire. Their players rated him highly, as a maiden first-class century maker, as

his flame hair. When Dominic Ostler ondrove Robert Bailey's off-

well as a quick bowler, fiery as

two sessions to spare, he finished the task that Andy Moles and Pollock had begun. They shared a sixth-wicket partnership of 194 in 62 overs after Warwickshire were 118 for 5 just before lunch on the second day, when following-on was a

realistic threat. During Warwickshire's rush to victory at almost a run a hall yesterday, Moles fell to a catch at silly point off Bailey, but there was no escape for Northamptonshire, who cherish hopes of vinning the Sunday League, at least. Their last three wickets tumbled earlier for the addition batsman David Ripley had offered a reminder that he is not a back number with 35 not out. Tony Penberthy was caught at the wicket off Pollock, who finished with 3 for 49, Curtly Ambrose hoisted Neil Smith to deep extra cover and Pollock bowled Paul Taylor.

The histrionics and fun of this game were over, just about. Perbans when they meet in the Benson and Hedges Cup semifinal next Tuesday, the verbal darts of last week may not resume. Doubtless the red leather ones, hurled by Pollock, are those that Northamptonshire

breaks nine-year drought

Tom Watson's nine-year title drought came to an end in Dublin, Ohio, as he shot a finalround 70 to win the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Vil-

lage by two strokes.
"God, it feels good," said Watson, whose last win, at the 1987 Nabisco Championship, was 140 tournaments ago. ii

David Duval, who picked up five strokes in the last five holes, took second in the £1.2m event with a final-round 67. 3 The tournament host, Jack

Nicklaus, who designed the Muirfield course, called Watson's victory "the most thrilling win in golf in the last 10 years. Watson, 46, began the day with a one-shot lead. He bogeyed the first hole with the kind of miss on a short, three-foot putt that has characterised his play

over the past several years. But he steadied himself after that! Watson looked to be cruising as he approached the 14th hole holding a four-shot lead. By the time he looked down the final fairway, however, he was just one shot in front of Duval, who

was safely inside the clubhouse. Watson walked up the 18th to a big ovation. "If I'd had a five: shot lead I probably would have enjoyed it more than having just a one-shot lead and have ing to two-putt a slick 15-foot putt downhill," Watson said. He said he was trying to leave the first putt short, but the ball rolled swiftly, straight into the

centre of the cup.

Jose Maria Olazabal's return to golf will not now be in this week's English Open at the Forest of Arden or next week's US Open in Michigan. Olaza bal, who has not played a tournament since last September because of rheumatoid arthritis in both his feet, withdrew vesterday from both events.

3, 222 runs in front.

Britannic Assurance **County Championship**

the frav after lunch.

(Final day of four) Lancashira v Gloucestershir OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (10pts) drew with Gloucestershire (9). Gloucestershire wan toss

GLOUCESTERSHIRE - First Innings 270 (M W Alleyne 96, R C Russell 60; S Elworthy 4-80). I ANCASHIRE - First kinings G Chapple o Daws & Walsh . J Marun c Symonds b Smith22

Fall (cont): 8-28, 9-314. Score at 120 overs: 319 for 9.

Bowling: Wash 31-10-59-2; Smith 26-7-93-1; Allerne 14-6-24-1; Bail 19-5-54-1. Davis 35-12-93-4; Trainor

1-0-4-0. Umpires: D J Constant and K J Lyons. Middlesex v Yorkshire

LORD'S: Middlesex (24pts) beat York-shire (4) by 21 runs. MIDDLESEX - First Innings 447 (M) R Ramprokash 134, J D Carr 941. YORKSHIRE - First Innings 275 P.J.

Hartler SSr; D Follett 5-99.

MaDDLESEX - Second Innings 171 for 4 dec :K R Brean 60no. M R Rum-chasth 60no. YORKSHIRE - Second Innings A McGrath line o Fav

C White c Hamson 5 Fraser 39
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Bowling: Fraser 29.2-7-92-3: Fallert 10-2-32-1; Fan. 11-2-51-1; Eufnell 43-13-106-4; Weekes 6-2-25-0. Umpires: J C Balderstone and A Jones.

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Northants v Warwickshire NORTHAMPTON: Warwickshire (24pts) beat Northemptonshire (5) by

Warwickshire won toss NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - First Innings 314 (R J Warren 76, D J Capel 57, K M Curran 55; D A Reeve 5-37). WARWICKSHIRE- First Immings 447 (A J Moles 164, S M Pollock 107, C E L Ambrose 5-62). NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - Second In-

A L Penberthy c Piper b Pollock43 Extras (b5 lb1 nb14).....

Fall (cont): 8-159 9-166.

Sowling: Pollock 22.1-4-49-3; Small 2-0-3-1; Wetch 15-4-46-2; Reeve 7-2-21-0; Brown 8-2-29-1; Smith 12-4-20-2.

Did not bat: T L Penney, *D A Reeve. S M Poliock, D R Brown, N M k Smith, G Welch. th J Piper, G C Small. Bowling: Ambrose 1-0-6-0: Taylor 2-0-8-0: Roberts 2-0-19-0: Bailey 1.5-0-10-L

fres: A Clarkson and T E Jests. Nottinghamshire v Durham TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (7pts) drew with Durham (11). ranghamshire won toss DURHAM - First limings 455 (D 4 Blenkings 139, S L Campbell 118; k P Evans 4-68). NOTTINGHAMSHIRE - First Innings

269 (S J & Brown 5-70). Second limites
(Saturda:: 211 for 0:
P.R. Polland b Brown
R.T. Robinson c Campbell e Berling Blotting 184
G F Archer not out 185
"P Johnson o Collingwood b Boiling 7
C L Carms not out 34
Extras 193 ibi13 nb18! 34
Total (for 3, 120 overs) 408
Falt 1-214 2-294 3-316.
Did not bath C M Tolley, fW M Noon, k P Evans, M N Bowen, R A Pick, J A

Arteria Brown 24-4-71-1; Betts 15-0-79-0; Wood 21-4-67-0; Boiling 33-6-81-2; Collingwood 23-3-76-0; Baintingge 4-0-19-0.

Umpires: R Julian and B J Meyer. Surrey v Derbyskire THE OVAL: Surrey (10pts) drew with Derbyshire (10). Derbyshire won toss

SUPPLY - First bridge 427 (G P Thorpe 185, A J Holloake 72, A J Stewart 53, M A Butcher 52). DERBYSHIRE – First Innings 469 (K.) Barnett 94, C.M. Wells 82, D.M. Jones 76, J.E. Otten 54).

Weather forces Gupte to wait

Glamorgan 304-6 dec Oxford Univ 196-5

Oxford University's Chinmay Gupte just failed to beat the clock in his race to score a century against Glamorgan in a rain-affected day at the Parks

Rain caused a stoppage of two hours and 20 minutes after lunch and Oxford's captain. who hit an unbeaten 113 against Durham, ended the day on 97, with his team on 196 for 5.

Resuming at 26 without loss in reply to Glamorgan's 304 for 6 declared, Gupte and John Bat-

of a run a minute in a stand of Butcher on to his stumps.

Gupte was first to a half-100 with a cut for two off Neil Kendrick. The stand-in opener com-

pleted his half-century with a sweep for two also off Kendrick. but in the same over he was caught at the wicket for 51. The other wicket to fall before lunch was Gul Khan, whose form was well known to Thursday - have been sold. Glamorgan. He hit 147 off

ty were untroubled by ineffec-tive bowling and scored at a rate dragged a ball from Gary

Oxford lost Hasnain Malik Mike Jarrett and Will Kendall century which contained half a after the long hold-up as they dozen boundaries and Batty attempted to force the pace. made the partnership worth and the chief interest was whether Gupte would complete his century before the close. Lancashire are on course for

a Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final sell-out against Yorkshire at Old Trafford next Tuesday. More than 7,500 tickets which only went on sale on while Yorkshire are confident of them in a Benson and Hedges selling all their 3,750 allocation.

break to win the match with Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE: Crucago White Sox 4 Detroit 2: Choago White Sox 13 Detroit 5; Toronto 5 Kansas City 7; Milwaukee 6 Ceve-land 11; Texas 5 Mirmésota 6; California 1 Baltanore 14; Caldand 4 New York Yankees 1; Seattle 3 Boston 1.

Fall (cont): 3-136.
Did not bat: A Kumble, J Snnath, S A Ankola, P Mhambrey, Venkatapathy Rayu.
Bowling: Mikrs 7-0-20-0; Wells 4-1-9-0; Williamson 17-4-63-0; Person 22-3-81-1; Branson 22-3-80-2; Maddy 11-15-0

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Somerset (9)4	2	0	2	9	16	63
Derbyshire (14) 5	1	1	3	19	15	59
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 1995 positions in brackets Other match (Second day of three: 11.0 today) Oxford Univ v Glamorgan THE PARKS: Oxford University, with five first-innings wickets standing, are 107 runs behind Glamorgan.

Glamorgan won toss GLAMORGAN - First kinings 304 for OXFORD UNIVERSITY - First business G Khan b Butcher 11
H S Malik c Cottey b Croft 19
M E D Jarrett c Kendnick b Croft 11
W S Kendall c Shaw b Kendnick 14

Starting today MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two; 11.0 start): Neston; Cheshire v Oxfordshize, Barrow; Cum-berland v Buckinghamshire,

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Other sports BOXING: Super-middleweight bout: Henr, Wharton (GB) v Stephano Natard (Fn.

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SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1 G Norman (Aus) 12.69pts; 2 C Pavin (LS) 10.10; 3 C Morrigoriene IScol 9.90; 4 N Price (Zm) 9.89; 5 N Faldo (Eng) 9.00; 8 E ES; ISA) 8.84; 7 F Couples (LS) 8.57;

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Basketbali MBA play-offs: Western Conference Snale: Seatus 90 Utah 86 (Seattle win best-of-seven series 4-3 and will play Chicago in NBA final).

ALISTRALIAN SQUAD (for four netion tour-nament in Sri Lamka, in August and Sep-tember): M Tavior (sazi), H Healy, M Beyon, D Flemme, J Edietine, S Law, G McGrath, R Porting, P Refiel, M Sater, S Warne, M Waugh, S Waugh

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Cycling
TOUR OF TRAY Stage 16 (180km, from Aosta, Raly, to Leusanneo): 1 A Gontzhenkov (Ukri Fosisto Shr Arma 30sec; 2 H introden (Smit) Refn + 20sec; 3 F Justin (Sant) Refn St 4 F Casagande (th Saeco + 100k; 5 D Zanette (th AVI 5); Overall standings after 18 stagles; 1 P Fornkov (Rus) Parama 72hr Junn 349sec; 2 P Ugumov (Larva) Resiston + 20sec; 3 E Zanea (th Camera + 38.

DAUPHINE LIBERT RACE First stage (227km from Mergers): 1 A Rasputs (Lith Peter Casano Ser 31mm 15sec; 2 F Mortesson (Fn Gan + 1-mm 12sec; 3 E Zono from Mergers): 1 A Rasputs (Lith P Casano Shr 30 Shr 30 Shr 40 Sec 2 C Bourdann (GB) GAN + 2mm 40sec; 3 L Brochard (Fri Festine + 3:5).

Equestrianism

Karen Duon, who is on the Olympic Three-Day Event short-list, cracked her shoulder blade while compening at Maisons Laffitte in France at the week-Maisons Laffitte in France at the weekend. She will be having therapy and is
hoping to inde Too Smart when the
Osympic contenders have their final run
at Hartpury, Gloucestershire, at the end
of this month.

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WORLD CUP QUALISTRIC MATCHES South American Zone: (Line, Penul: Penu D Colorado 9) (Refere, Ven): Vencuela 1 Onio 1. (Montesideo): Fargus y 2 Unique y O. Gestral American Zone (Bellan): Beice 1 Panama 2.

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Raffying Colin McRae, the world champron, fought hard to keep his lead on the second day of the Acropolis Raily in Greece as his Subaru was slowed by suspension trouble. Tommi Makinen forced the pace in his Mitsubish i and by the end of the day McRae had his lead clipped to 44 seconds by the Finn with one day light Champ.

Heavy rain and thick mist on the Isle of Man forced the postponement of yes-terday's 250cc lightweight and sidecar TT races. The races will now take place

Motor racing Michael Andretti's choice of stickier lyres gave him the grip he needed to over-take Al Unser ir and win the Milwaukee 200 IndyCar race in West Allis, Wis-consin. Andretti averaged 128,282 miles per hour (206,444 kph) in his Lola Ford Cosworth, finishing 0.019sec ahead of Unser's Penske Mercedes-Benz Itmor.

ACROPOUS RALLY (Leading placings after second day): 1 C McRae (GB) Subaru Impress 3hr 39mm 11ser; 2 T Malener (Fin Mispatre) Land +44ser; 3 C Serre: 15p) Ford Escort Cosworth +1mm 34ser; 4 K Enisson (Seet Subaru Impress +231; 5 P Ligtt (I) Subaru Impress +310; 6 B Thiry (Bell Ford Escort Cosworth +4;34; 7 F Lots (Bet) Toyota Celica +4:55; 8 G Penet-pola (B) Toyota Celica +8:07; 9 A Medeghan (It) Subaru Impesa +1:257; 30 P Bernadini (P) Ford Escot Cossenti +14:09.

Rugby League STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES (Sydney) Second match: New South Wales 18 Queenstand 6 (New South Wales van three-match series 2-0).

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The first final, at the Parc des Princes, attracted fewer than 18,000 people and was completely ignored in Britain.

Ken Jones looks at the history of the European Championships

FA shields the culprits over plane incident

The Football Association yesterday brought the full weight of its slumbering bureacracy to bear on the case of flight CX251 and the broken televisions. Alter a week's delay, and a day's investigation, they cracked down softly on no one in par-

The England team, it was announced, had taken "collective responsibility" for the alleged £5,000 of damage done to Cathay Pacific furniture. Fines have been imposed. Thus the likes of Peter Beardsley, Nick Barmby, the Neville brothers, and many others, have been tarnished by association for vandalism which, almost certainly, was committed by

It is an unsatisfactory solution - but a very English one. Rather like Form B being given a class detention because no-one will "sneak" on the kid who defaced a desk and the culprit will not own up.

It was also an inevitable verdict. To suspend a player, on the brink of the country's biggest tournament for 30 years, was never going to happen. However, fines are, in reality, meaningless: the bulk of these players carn more than £5,000 a week. It may be that the guilty, if discovered, will be subtly punished at a later date. It does happen – one player's arrival into the senior squad is believed to have been delayed because of vandalism to a hotel room during an under-21 tour.

This may have been what Steve Double, of the FA's press office, meant when he said: There are no plans for further action from the FA until after Euro 96, at the very least." Or maybe it was not, this inconclusive statement typified the FA's dithering - by taking a week incident which would not have happened if they had kept a first place.

All this assumes the FA, or er who did it. Given the possible penalties - Graham Kelly.

"I spent several hours both last night and today talking to the players about allegations made in connection with last week's flight from Hong Kong to London.

"Three of the players were very angry that they have taken the blame publicly and with-out justification, they believe, for the reported damage on the aeroplane. They told me they were seeking egal advice for compensation for harm to their reputations. "Most of them appear to be totally unaware of any prob-

lems on the flight until they reached their homes several hours after arriving at Heathrow. Indeed, it was more than nine hours before the Football Association was contacted by Cathay Pacific, despite their knowledge of the problem

"But today the England squad have accepted collective responsibility for what happened. The matter is now being dealt with internally - financial penalties will be imposed. "The players express their sincere regret for the incident. Complaints about senior England players have been very rare over many years. The recent visit to Hong Kong and to China resulted in letters of praise from the hotels where the play

ers stayed and invitations to return again.
"This afternoon, I met Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, and Noel White, the chairman of the FA's international committee, at the team hotel. It was a pre-arranged meeting to discuss several matters; I reported on talks with the players over the past 24 hours and on the type of action I intend to take."

the chief executive, had promised firm action - no one is likely to have owned up. Neither, given the dressing-room code of ethics, is anyone likely to have "grassed".

With a week to go to the start of the championships it is hard to imagine Venables, perhaps with Ted Buxton, playing the soft cop. hard cop routine and interrogating each player indi-

Instead everyone is, however slightly, tainted. The three players linked by newspapers with the damage, Paul Gas-coigne, Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman, are obviously more tainted than most and McManaman last night acted to clear his name.

His representatives faxed a mesaage to this newspaper, closer rein on the players in the and presumably others. It was marked with a hand-written "urgent" on it. In it he referred Venables, know or ever discov- to the allegations as being "completely untrue" adding

acknowledged that I played no

tential seriousness of the affair. Reputations, once gained, are hard to shake off. Venables made the valid point that complaints about England players have been rare but that only emphasises the damaged done by

preparations at Bisham Abbey soning problem respectively.

Eric Hall, a football agent

said of the announcement: "I'm amazed. The responsibility for the behaviour of two or three people is being taken by the whole squad. They are all under the microscope.

"The culprits involved should stand up. The [David] Platt's of this world don't want this on their cv's. I find it amazing everyone is being blamed. On the other ry. It's team spirit. The team wins together and goes through the

as he was aware, the punishment also applied to the players, including his client Dennis Wise, who missed out on selection. The culprits should be reprimanded - and publicly, said. 'As for Cathay Pacific, they have had unbelievable publicity from this and they should

part in the incident

His concern highlights the po-

It was not the way England would have liked to begin their yesterday - preparations which were sat out yesterday by Gary Neville and Steve Howey with a thigh strain and minor blood poi-

bad times together." Hall went on to say that, as far

Leeds takeover, page 18 pay the players involved."

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Paris Thomas Muster says that when he prepares for the French Open, he "eats a spoonful of clay every morning". In planning for Wimbledon, where he has yet to win a match, he intends

to "eat some grass". There is certainly no call for humble pie. Although the 28-year-old Austrian's reign as emperor of Roland Garros ended yesterday, when he was outsmarted by Germany's Michael Stich in 7-6, his record on clay courts remains a testimony to fitness and dedication. Going into yesterday's contest, Muster had lost only three of his previous 102

matches on the surface. Conversely, Stich's advance to the quarter-finals says much for

TIM GLOVER

lucrative - in sport.

the cup committee voted unan-

imously for The Belfry. Twen-

ty-four clubs throughout Europe had expressed an interest and that was narrowed

down to six, although it was ef-

fectively a one-horse race. Eu-

the tour, afteit one enforced by injury. Before arriving in Paris, the No 15 seed had only played two matches since March, following surgery to his left ankle. His main reason for competing here was to improve his match

fitness for Wimbledon, where he was the champion in 1991. "After Rome," Stich said, "I sat down with my coach [Sven Groeneveld] and said: 'I don't know if I should go to France and look like an idiot playing on the clay'. He said: 'Listen, just go there and use it as practice, a couple of matches maybe, and

By eliminating the favourite, Stich has opened the tournament even wider and added an extra bounce to the steps of predominantly attacking players such as himself. Pete Sampras and Richard Krajicek.

Goran Ivanisevic and Stefan the value of taking a break from Edberg will not be around to

participate in the excitement. In- 5-3. Although Muster hung on stead of progressing to meet in the last eight, both were eliminated in straight sets.

Wide-open Open: Michael Stich celebrates his victory over the defending champion, Thomas Muster, at Roland Garros yesterday Photograph: Reuter

Muster left beaten but unbowed

The fifth-seeded Ivanisevic was hampered by a blister on his left foot and also by the steady play of his German opponent, and Karbacher, ranked No 56 in the world. Karbacher won, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2

Edberg, who brought such pleasure to his last visit to the championships, was unable to extend his campaign beyond the passing shots of his Swiss opponent, Marc Rosset, once the Olympic gold medallist had get ready for the grass-court 7-4. Rosset won, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3, finishing with his 10th ace.

The most surprising aspect of the Stich-Muster match was that it did not stretch to a fifth set. The defending champion appeared to have regained his verve, but was broken when serving for the fourth set at for the tie-break, he was unable to counter Stich's confidence and salvaged only one point in the shoot-out. Stich hit 23 aces and 22 other unplayable serves. and his expertise at the net also helped compensate for 45 un-

"I don't think it was his serve that was the problem," Muster said. "I didn't play well enough on my baseline game. I broke in the first game of the match and lost my serve the next minute. I had chances in the second set, I had chances in the third. My game was tied up and wasn't enough from my footwork. That was the reason why he could always come back, even when he

was down in every set." Muster will take a couple of days to recover from his disappointment before travelling to London to prepare for next week's Stella Artois Championships at Queen's Club. The world No 2's progress there will be watched with interest. With only Sampras ahead of him in the rankings, Muster is sure to cause a good deal of debate & among members of the Wim-

bledon seeding committee. Stich now faces the prospect of meeting the unseeded French-man Cedric Pioline, who will be backed by every voice in the bouse. Yesterday in defeating the ninth seed, Marcelo Rios, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2, he demonstrated to the 20-year-old Chilean how much there is to learn about competing in Grand Slam tournaments.

pearance in the quarter-finals here, having been beaten by Russia's Andrei Cherkasov in the fourth round in 1992. Pioline, it will be remembered, reached the final of the United States Open in 1993, losing to Sampras in straight sets. Results, Sporting Digest, page 23

"the Football Association have Derby sign Laursen

Derby County vesterday made their second foreign signing of the close season, the Danish international full-back Jacob Laursen. The £500,000 deal takes the club's spending to £1.5m after the arrival of the Croatian Aljosa Asanovic last week. Jim Smith, the Derby manager, had been chasing Laursen, who was play-

West Ham are confident that the Romanian striker Florin Raduciouiu will complete a £2m move from Español, despite his denials of an approach. Peter Storrie, the West Ham managing director, said: "We have an option agreement with the club and have agreed not to speak to him until after Euro 96

ing for Silkeburg in Denmark, for so he can concentrate on that."

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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match at The Belfry in 1993 was The Ryder Cup match between Europe and the United States reached after a furious argument between the European in 2001 will be held at The Bel-Tour and the PGA. The three fry in Sutton Coldfield, it was an-Tour representatives on the nounced vesterday. It will be the

committee voted for Club de fourth time in five home match-Campo in Madrid and the three PGA men went for The Belfry. es that the Brabazon course has The stalemate was resolved by hosted an event that has become one of the most absorbing - and the casting vote of Lord Derby, the committee chairman and In a pre-emptive strike that PGA president. will dismay other clubs who had The Belfry is by no means the ambitions of staging the match,

finest course in Britain, let alone Europe, but it became the natural choice for 2001 on the grounds that the PGA, which has its beadquarters there, celebrates its centenary that year. That was the key. Ireland, which has never hosted the match, will rope won at The Belfry in 1985. have to wait until 2005 at the earliest to throw its hat into the ring.

gniting interest in a competition that had been dominated by the There was also controversy Americans; they retained the over the selection of Valderracup with a tic at the same ma in southern Spain for the emy at the Midlands complex.

three years ago, 15-13.

The decision to hold the Seven clubs vied for the honour and Seve Ballesteros campaigned for a public course in Spain. "Valderrama is one of the most exclusive clubs in the world." Ballesteros said. "I think it would be fatal for golf in Spain to send the cup to a private club." Since then, of course, Ballesteros has agreed to captain the team in Valderrama.

"No one can deny that The Belfry has staged three very successful matches." Sandy Jones, executive director of the PGA, said."With the propsed development and refurbishment of the Brabazon course coupled with our cen-tenary in 2001, we believe The Belfry is an ideal venue." He said that "stringent demands" had been made on De Vere Hotels, owners of The Belfry, to improve the course. Last Saturday, Prince Andrew opened a £5m National Training Acad-

Azharuddin calms Sidhu storm

Cricket

JON CULLEY

For once, the captain under fire going into a Test series does not wear an England sweater. While Michael Atherton basks in the glow of success after the Texaco Trophy Series, word has reached Mohammad Azharuddin's ears that his popularity at home in the wake of the Navjot tirement in bad grace. Sidhu affair is not exactly soaring. In Amritsar, effigies of the Indian leader have been burned in the streets. Even Atherton

has yet to be treated to that one.

abandonment at Leicester yes-

As India's preparation for

the wake of the "unnecessary controversy" caused by Sidhu's decision to return home after being dropped from the third Texaco game. He denied a story in circulation that he had laughed at the 33-year-old opener, a veteran of 36 Tests, causing him to he humiliated in front of his team-mates. In turn, he criticised Sidhu for announcing his re-He said his decision to drop

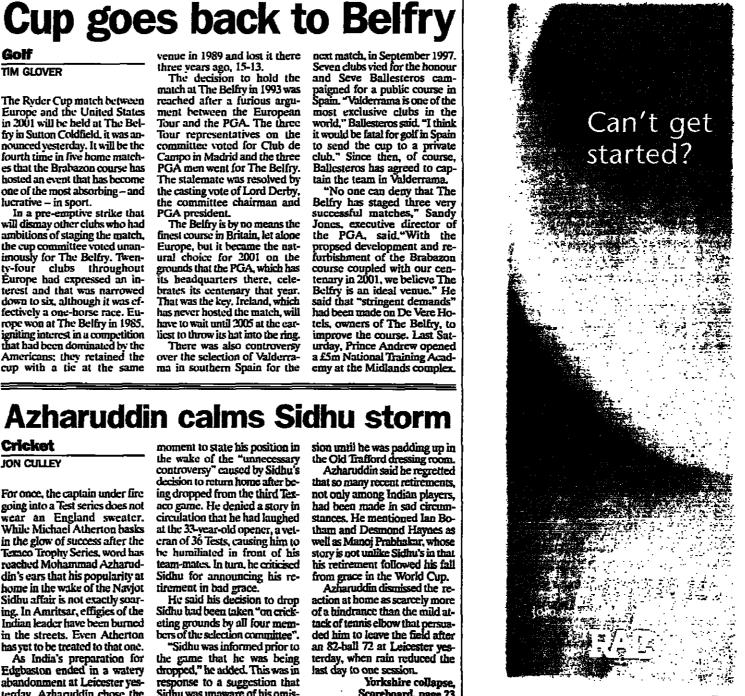
Sidhu had been taken "on cricketing grounds by all four members of the selection committee".

"Sidhu was informed prior to the game that he was being dropped," he added. This was in Edgbaston ended in a watery response to a suggestion that terday, Azharuddin chose the

moment to state his position in sion until he was padding up in the Old Trafford dressing room. Azharuddin said he regretted that so many recent retirements, not only among Indian players, had been made in sad circumstances. He mentioned Ian Botham and Desmond Haynes as well as Manoj Prabhakar, whose story is not unlike Sidhu's in that his retirement followed his fall from grace in the World Cup.

Azharuddin dismissed the reaction at home as scarcely more of a hindrance than the mild attack of tennis elbow that persuaded him to leave the field after an 82-ball 72 at Leicester yesterday, when rain reduced the

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